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Court drama spills into parking lot

Brothers sentenced in shooting case amid heavy tension

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Emotions ran high and tensions spilled out into the courthouse parking lot Monday after two brothers were sentenced to prison for the shooting death of a Benton Harbor man last July.

Members of both families packed the courtroom in Berrien County Trial Court as Dennis Holbrook Jr., 24, and Eric Holbrook, 22, were sentenced to 11½ to 15 years for voluntary manslaughter in the death of Arsenio Jordan, 29. Each will also serve a consecutive term of two years for felony firearms and a lesser concurrent term for possession of a firearm by a felon.

ERIC HOLBROOK

DENNIS HOLBROOK

Family members on both sides donned T-shirts, some honoring Jordan with words and pictures and others bearing the phrase "Free my guys." Leaving the courtroom after the sentencing hearing, family members exchanged words and voices were raised. Several court security officers and sheriff's deputies followed the large crowd out into the parking lot, where physical tussles began. Extra police were called, and officers managed to get everyone to their cars without further incident.

The brothers originally were charged with first-degree felony murder and would have faced life in prison without parole if convicted. Both pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in January. Under a deal reached between their lawyers and Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Trevor Maveal, their minimum sentence for that charge was to be no more and no less than 11½ years.

The brothers, each armed with a pistol, last July 31 went to a house on Superior Street in Benton Harbor where Jordan and several other people were outside on a porch. Witnesses who testified at previous hearings told Judge Gordon Hosbein that the brothers went to the house along with their mother, Felecia Lee, and an altercation

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BENTON HARBOR SCHOOLS

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Family and friends join Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Pastor Carlton Lynch, center, as he speaks to the media about an incident in which a first-grade student was apparently hit and kicked last week in the classroom at International Academy at Hull.

Video leads to teacher resignation

BH teacher resigns after video reveals boy was hit, kicked, without repercussions

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A first-grade teacher at International Academy at Hull resigned Monday after video surfaced on social media over the weekend of her allegedly allowing a student to be physically bullied by other students in her classroom while she watched.

"I was going to hold her accountable but then she resigned today," Benton Harbor Area Schools Superintendent Andrae Townsel said Monday afternoon. "... The police are investigating. I'm so happy to move on and put systems in place so this doesn't happen again."

The video, which is 2:42 minutes long, shows the 7-year-old boy being pushed, hit and kicked while the teacher stands in the doorway saying, "He got what he wanted. He kept messing with it," and "Don't let him tear up our classroom." The boy's parents said the incident happened last Tuesday, but they didn't know about it until late Friday when it was posted on Facebook.

About 20 family members and supporters gathered Monday afternoon to show their support for the student during a news conference at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Benton Township. At the time, they said they had been told that the teacher, Dorothy Neeley, was suspended with pay. They asked the media not release the student's name to protect his privacy.

It is unclear who shot the video or how it came to be posted online.

Pilgrim Rest Pastor Carlton Lynch said the parents are very frustrated

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Reginald Tyler, grandfather of the student attacked last week at International Academy at Hull, speaks with the media Monday afternoon at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Benton Harbor.

RESA board pays high cost to land new superintendent

Higher-than-expected salary package leads to 3-2 vote

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Matthew Wandrie has a three-year contract to be the new Berrien Regional Education Service Agency superintendent, but the contract approval wasn't without controversy at Monday afternoon's RESA board meeting.

Board members selected Wandrie, currently the Lapeer, Mich. superintendent, last month to be the new superintendent, succeeding Kevin Ivers, who is retiring in June. Wandrie was one of 11 applicants and one of three finalists interviewed.

RESA Board President Cathy Bair questioned the contract that board members Jon Martin and Dave Pagel had worked out with Wandrie, and was one of two board members voting no on the contract. Allene Smith also voted no, while Martin, Pagel and Michael Lindley voted yes.

Bair's remarks came after Martin outlined terms of the three-year contract the board ended up approving. Martin said Wandrie's salary will be $175,000 the first year and he will have a $25,000 annuity, a $7,200 annual car allowance and a $7,500 one-time moving allowance. He and his family will move here within two years.

Bair noted that the board had told applicants that the annual salary range would be between $158,000 and $165,000 for the new superintendent. Martin responded that Wandrie was already being paid in that range in his current job.

"He knew our range and our parameters," Bair said. "To pay him

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Spotlight turns to Michigan – today and beyond

Today's primary may hint at Dem strength in Nov.

By WILL WEISSERT and KAT STAFFORD
Associated Press

DETROIT — Ask Arlene Williams about President Donald Trump's promises to bring back auto industry jobs that have evaporated across Michigan and she'll point with irony to the Chevy Blazer.

General Motors is now remaking the iconic American SUV after a lengthy hiatus – but building parts of it in Mexico and elsewhere overseas.

"These are some of the staple brands and yes, they're back," said Williams, 49, who works at a GM plant in Romulus, Michigan, southwest of Detroit. "They're just not being made in the U.S."

The largest of six states voting today, Michigan could redefine a Democratic primary that has become a showdown between former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. But many voters are already looking ahead to November and whether Trump can again win in the state that perhaps more than any other catapulted him into the White House in 2016.

For Sanders, the stakes could hardly be higher. He defeated Hillary Clinton in Michigan in 2016, emboldening his argument that he could win with a

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Today's election

Polls are open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. today with the presidential primary atop the ballot.

However, there are several other issues for select voters to decide.

Van Buren County residents have four other proposals to consider: a road millage renewal, a public transit millage renewal, along with new small levies for veteran services millage and special education services.

Also, St. Joseph Township residents will vote on a public safety renewal millage, plus a new levy for public safety, and Chikaming Township residents also will decide on a public safety proposal.

In addition, the Eau Claire and New Buffalo school districts are seeking operating millage renewals.

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IN BRIEF

Officials: High water pushes shipwreck to Michigan shore

ROGERS CITY (AP) — Wreckage from a freighter that sank in Lake Huron around 115 years ago has moved toward Michigan's shoreline due to high water levels and waves, weakening the ruins further, officials said.

Joseph S. Fay was a ship that sank on October 19, 1905, The Alpena News reported Friday.

One side of the shipwreck had moved about 10 feet inland during a storm last October, said Eric Klein, lighthouse caretaker. He added that it has since been pushed further inland following a series of storms and estimated it's now about 25 feet from its original location near the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse.

Klein said the waves have damaged the shipwreck over time.

"It's basically eroding the wreck, and big pieces will come off and be washed away," he said.

Klein said the wreck can't be protected because it's illegal to move or remove shipwreck artifacts from the water.

Neighborhoods to get water, sewer system upgrades

DETROIT (AP) — Water and sewer system projects are getting started in two Detroit neighborhoods as part of a $500 million program to upgrade the city's aging water infrastructure.

Detroit's Water and Sewerage Department is investing more than $44 million into Cornerstone Village and North Rosedale Park, according to the city.

The work includes replacing water mains, fire hydrants and city sewer pipes. Lead service lines will be replaced with copper pipes on blocks where water mains are being replaced. The Water and Sewerage Department is replacing some service lines on private property at the department's cost.

Cornerstone Village is on Detroit's east side. North Rosedale Park is in northwest Detroit.

Most Detroit water and sewer pipes are more than 80 years old, the city said, adding that the last massive infrastructure upgrade was in 1930.

After prison, man wins appeal over arson conviction

SOUTHGATE (AP) — The Michigan appeals court has overturned the arson conviction of a man who insists he had no financial incentive to destroy his profitable pawn shop in suburban Detroit.

Judge Paul Cusick wouldn't allow defense witnesses to testify about Joshua Burger's insurance coverage and personal finances at the time of the fire in 2017.

It "deprived defendant of the ability to fully mount the defense that he had no financial motive to defraud the insurance company or set the building on fire," the appeals court said in a 3-0 decision on Feb. 25.

Wayne County prosecutors are asking the court to reconsider the opinion.

Burger served 15 months in prison. His lawyer had argued that the fire at Pawn Max in Southgate probably was caused by an oily rag used to clean up a guitar.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
AH-5C-7C-7H-2S
Midday Daily 3
4-9-4
Midday Daily 4
0-0-3-6
Daily 3
2-5-7
Daily 4
1-2-7-3
Fantasy 5
08-10-29-35-39
Keno
01-05-06-10-15-19-20-21-22-33-36-41-43-46-48-53-68-69-71-73-75-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$75 million
Powerball jackpot
$110 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
01-12-17-27-30
Estimated jackpot
$120,000
Cash4Life
12-28-34-47-49, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
05-08-11-13-14-18-25-29-30-31-40-44-45-46-49-50-56-64-65-73, BE: 65
Daily Three-Midday
0-0-4, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
1-1-4, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
0-0-9-4, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
7-3-1-0, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
04-08-15-16-18-24-25-32-34-37-39-41-44-46-47-51-62-64-75-78, BE: 64

Sunday drawings

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
01-11-18-19-42
Pick Three-Midday
6-0-2, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
8-2-9, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
7-8-4-1, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
3-2-2-0, Fireball: 2
Lucky Day Lotto
05-10-26-28-32
Estimated jackpot
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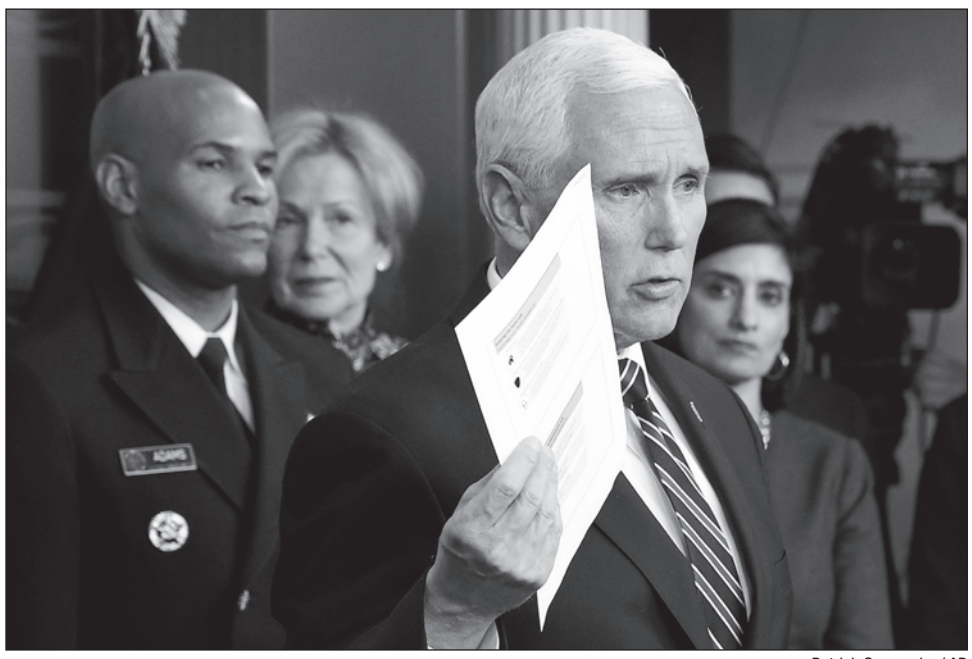
Trump wants payroll tax relief to calm virus-spooked markets

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press



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Vice President Mike Pence speaks in the briefing room of the White House in Washington on Monday about the coronavirus outbreak as U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, Dr. Deborah Birx, White House coronavirus response coordinator, and Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Seema Verma listen.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday his administration will ask Congress to pass payroll tax relief and other quick measures as a public health and economic maelstrom brought on by the coronavirus drew closer to him personally.

Intending to calm the fears of financial markets over the impact of the epidemic, Trump told reporters he is seeking "very substantial relief" to the payroll tax. Trump also said he was seeking help for hourly-wage workers to ensure they're "not going to miss a paycheck" and "don't get penalized for something that's not their fault."

He stepped forward with the contours of an initiative after markets dropped sharply and as the outbreak spread. Several Trump confidants in Congress disclosed they were isolating themselves after potential exposure to the virus; one traveled with the president from Florida on Air Force One on Monday; another was his just-tapped new chief of staff.

Trump said he would hold a press conference Tuesday to outline the proposals, saying his administration and Congress would be "discussing a possible payroll tax cut or relief, substantial relief, very substantial relief, that's big, that's a big number. We're also going to be talking about hourly wage earners getting help so that they can be in a position where they're not going to ever miss a paycheck."

As Trump grappled with an epidemic whose consequences he has repeatedly played down, the White House asserted it was conducting "business as usual." But the day's business was anything but normal. Lawmakers pressed for details on how the Capitol could be made secure, handshakes on the Hill were discouraged and a Pentagon meeting was broken into sub-groups to minimize the number of people in the same room.

The president himself dove into handshakes with supporters earlier in the day, when arriving to headline a fundraiser in Longwood, Florida, that raised approximately $4 million for his reelection campaign and the Republican Party.

On his flight back to Washington he was accompanied by Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz, who later went into a voluntary quarantine. He was one of several GOP lawmakers who were exposed to a person at last month's Conservative Political Action Conference who tested positive for the virus. His office said he was "mid-flight" on Air Force One when CPAC informed his staff that he had been in contact with the attendee who had the virus.

Once the plane landed, Gaetz was immediately tested.

Vice President Mike Pence, who also spoke at CPAC, said he has not been tested for the virus. White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham said Trump has not been tested because he has not had "prolonged close contacts" with any patients and "does not have any symptoms."

In Monday morning tweets, Trump vented about the market drop and news that large public gatherings were being called off because of the virus.

"At this moment there are 546 confirmed cases of CoronaVirus, with 22 deaths," Trump tweeted, comparing it to seasonal influenza and the thousands of deaths that causes. "Think about that!"

Scientists at this stage don't know what the death rate of the new coronavirus actually is and whether it will wind up being about the same as flu or worse.

At the same time, administration officials were insistent that they weren't trying to dismiss public concerns. "This is a very serious health problem," Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar told Fox News.

At the Pentagon, officials have begun "social distancing" measures.

On Monday, Defense Secretary Mark Esper's regular meeting with senior staff, which normally would be held face-to-face in a single room with 40 to 50 participants, was broken up into three rooms, with video-teleconferencing among the rooms, according to the Pentagon's chief spokesman, Jonathan Hoffman. He said Esper and the 15 to 20 people in his room, including Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sat at least six feet apart, in line with health guidance.

Trump was delegating much of the virus response to Pence, who convened a video teleconference to give an update on the federal government's virus response Monday afternoon with the nation's governors. Trump met his top economic advisers before emerging to disclose he'll seek the payroll tax break.

The White House has been convening meetings with an array of travel and healthcare industry representatives, and was set to host Wall Street executives at the White House on Wednesday to discuss the economic fallout of the epidemic.

Futures in the S&P 500 index, which can indicate how Wall Street will open Tuesday, were up more than 2.5 percent late Monday after the administration's news conference.

On Capitol Hill, where many lawmakers are older and have frequent contact with the public, leaders were fielding questions from members and staff about how the complex will be secured. Leaders have so far shown little willingness to close the Capitol, but meetings were scheduled throughout the day to discuss preparations.

On Monday, Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., and Gaetz put themselves in voluntary quarantine because of their contacts with someone at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

Both said they did not have any symptoms but would wait out the remainder of the 14 days since the contact at home. Gaetz last week wore a gas mask to the House vote on the emergency funding bill for the virus response and said he wanted to highlight how Congress could become "petri dish" for the virus.

Collins had met with Trump last Tuesday night at the White House and shook hands with him Friday when the president visited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Atlanta headquarters.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., whom Trump named Friday as his incoming chief of staff, also went into self-quarantine, said a person familiar with the case but unauthorized to discuss the matter and granted anonymity. Meadows has not yet resigned his congressional seat and has not yet assumed his new role at the White House, but he is a frequent visitor.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., also placed themselves in quarantine after coming in contact with the same person at the conservative conference.

Rep. Julia Brownley, D-Calif., said she met last week with a person who has since been diagnosed with the virus. She closed her office and said she and her staff are "self-monitoring and maintaining social distancing practices."

Vast numbers of visitors come to the Hill, especially at this time of year when advocacy groups arrange "fly-in" trips to lobby and speak to lawmakers, and school groups descend for tours.

One Republican who said he was informed he had been exposed at the conservative conference, Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas, tweeted that he was cleared to return to Washington. He was spotted leading a Capitol tour for more than 100 visitors late Monday evening.

Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse demolished

By LINDSAY MOORE
MLive.com

KALAMAZOO — Despite months of prayers, vigils and public protest, the Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse was laid to rest.

A string of cars recently slowed down to take in the view of the historic motherhouse in pieces earlier this month, MLive.com reported.

The motherhouse and four other buildings on the former Nazareth College campus have been slated for demolition since April. The plan encompassed more than 394,000 square feet and 18 total floors.

Demolition plans elicited an emotional response from the community over the past year.

The city of Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission had a failed campaign to create a new local historic district covering buildings on the former Nazareth College campus.

A vocal group of opponents formed the Save Nazareth campaign of peaceful protests, monthly prayer vigils and lawn signs that dotted the community. A change.org petition to preserve the building's history amassed nearly 3,000 signatures.

The cupola dome atop the former Nazareth motherhouse in Kalamazoo was removed Dec. 19, and remains wrapped up in front of the debris.

While other religious relics went to the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Valley Museum, the cupola was not claimed or re-homed, said Eileen M. Biehl, communications specialist for the Congregation of St. Joseph in Cleveland.

The deconstruction company, Melching Demolition from Muskegon, has assumed responsibility for everything left in the building, Biehl said.

"Everything in and on and about the buildings is theirs to re-purpose and reuse as they determine," she said. "We removed everything we could re-purpose on our own out of the building."

Melching Demolition did not return phone calls about where the cupola will go prior to publishing.

Neither the museum nor the diocese were offered the cupola, according to each of their respective spokespeople.

Among the sacred items transferred to the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo were the Holy Stairs, spokesperson Vicki Cessna said.

The 28 stairs – a replica of a similar staircase in Rome known in Italian as the Scala Sancta, or Holy Stairs – represent the stairs Jesus ascended and descended before his crucifixion. Just like the ones in Rome, Nazareth's Holy Stairs contain relics preserved in each step.

The diocese does not have any immediate plans for the stairs, Cessna said.

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum accepted a number of objects from Nazareth's history room including Nazareth Academy memorabilia and medical instruments from the Saint Camillus School of Nursing, Ascension Borgess Hospital and Borgess School of Nursing.

The original 11 sisters came from Watertown, N.Y., in 1889 to launch what is now Borgess Medical Center, the area's first hospital, in a two-story mansion on Portage Street, according to Kalamazoo Gazette archives.

When more sisters joined the hospital added an orphanage and a school. Nazareth Academy opened in 1897 and Nazareth College opened in 1913.

By the early 1960s nearly 1,000 nuns served more than 30 communities in Michigan, operating a college from the grounds of their massive, 237,000-square-foot motherhouse.

Crews tore into the dormitories of the former Nazareth College in October. Previously, the buildings were used as office space for the Kalamazoo County Community Action Agency.

The Dillon Hall apartments, still operating and sponsored by the ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph, will not be demolished, Dillon Hall property manager Michele McCurdie told the newspaper in October.

"We will be the last building standing," McCurdie said.

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Paw Paw dumps controversial Redskins mascot

Board president: Name was a 'fog' hanging over the district

By ROD SMITH
HP Correspondent

PAW PAW — With a 6-1 vote on Monday, the Paw Paw school board retired its controversial Redskins mascot.

Board President Brent McNitt described the long and divisive debate over the name as a "fog" over Paw Paw.

"What we're talking about here is finding a specific point in a fog this lays on top of our town," McNitt said. "Like a fog, you can't swing at the fog but you can't see through it either."

McNitt said the decision is not whether the name Redskins is right, wrong or indifferent, but about kids. "We cannot operate a school where we're letting kids walk through feeling unsafe," McNitt said.

The issue has been boiling on and off for nearly a couple of decades, with Superintendent Rick Reo and two previous superintendents recommending the mascot be discarded. Three years ago the board voted 4-3 to retain the name, to applause from supporters. Paw Paw has had the Redskins nickname for nearly a century.

The dispute is whether or not the term "redskins," as used by Paw Paw schools, is derogatory or a term of honor. Supporters maintain the name embodies the warrior spirit. Opponents say the term refers to blood on the skins of scalped Indians by settlers.

There was no talk of blood at Monday's meeting, but there was talk of pride and tradition.

Resident Randy Goode told the board he'd never felt prejudice in Paw Paw and that to him the term meant pride. "You're going to strip of us that pride," Goode said.

Ted Major said he's been a Redskin for 80 years. "You people three years ago decided to retain the mascot and so we should continue along that line," Major said. He said he believes students who berate other students about their origins should be punished.

But Sarah Thomas said her and her family support the suggestion of Superintendent Reo to drop the mascot. Although the word "outsider" has been used to described opponents of the Redskins mascot, she said that a forum last week seeking public comment consisted of insiders and not outsiders. "I'm here to tell you as a resident, everyone is welcome," Thomas said.

Bill Columbo, who described himself as "indigenous" and a graduate of Paw Paw High School, said he and others had experienced mistreatment at the hands of students at the school.

"Consider the children," Columbo said. "Let's have some healing. Put the past in the past."

Board member Dale Pease told the audience of more than 75 people that he would vote for removing the mascot to continue the Paw Paw school district's excellence.

"This is for our students and their legacy," Pease said.

Board member Shane Criger came on the school board just as the latest controversy hit three years ago. He then supported retaining the image. He has since changed his mind. "I think we missed the argument and failed as a board," Criger said. They should have been looking at students.

Now, Criger said, trustees need to listen to the educators who say the controversial term is affecting students. "It's whats right for the students," Criger said.

Board Vice President

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SHALLOW ROOTS

Don Campbell / HP staff

Children play on the roots of a tree as a man searches the sand with a metal detector during Sunday afternoon's mild weather at Warren Dunes State Park in Bridgman.

COLOMA SCHOOLS

School board gives go ahead on junior high cafeteria remodel

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Coloma's Junior High Cafeteria will get a remodel this summer thanks to an extra $328,761 in the food service account.

Food Service Director Shelley Mazigian told the Coloma School Board on Monday night that if she has more than three months worth of money in her food service account, she has to report to the state how she's going to spend it down.

"Remodeling the junior high cafeteria will take us down to about one month's worth of income in the account so I don't have to, every year, report a plan on how to spend the money," she said.

Last year, the account was over by $44,000, so the district redid the floor in the intermediate school cafeteria, and some other smaller projects.

Mazigian said the plan this year is to spend the $328,761 on "busting out" the serving area, extending it out into the cafeteria where the kids sit, as well as just making the cafeteria bigger

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

District gets new chief financial officer

E.P. Clarke Elementary principal to retire in June

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph school district recently filled a vacancy within its administration only to see another one open Monday.

Superintendent Thomas Bruce announced that a new chief financial officer was hired to take over for Kathy Hamilton, who leaves the district in April.

Bruce introduced Brenda Graham, who comes from Portage Public Schools as the district's business manager.

"The position is very, very unique and technical. We went through an extensive process," Bruce said in finding a new CFO. "Brenda's interviews were different from most. We drove her around the district for about two hours, hammering her with questions and so forth."

Toward the end of Monday's meeting, the board accepted the letter of resignation from E.P. Clarke Elementary School Principal Michelle Allen.

Allen's retirement is effective June 30.

Bruce and trustees thanked Allen for her service to the district and wished her luck.

"She's been a cornerstone for our district for a long time. Even coming in as the new guy, I could tell her expertise was amazing," Bruce said. "She's an incredible resource for this district and she will be sorely missed."

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Royalton Twp. raises sewer rate by 15%

Township faces several wastewater rehab projects over next 20 years

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Royalton Township will raise its wastewater rates this summer in an effort to mitigate the cost of several sewer line rehabilitation projects on the horizon.

At Monday night's board meeting, trustees agreed to a 15 percent wastewater rate increase that is expected to begin in early July.

Supervisor Robert Basselman said there was discussion to potentially issue a 40 percent increase. However, based on how other municipalities have tried to do this in the past, Basselman said the board chose to stick with the 15 percent allotment.

"This will help attend to some of these issues. We're not on the path, even with that," Basselman said. "But we're in the right direction."

Kevin Marks, a manager

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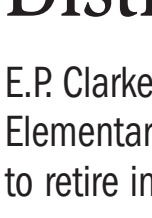
BERRIEN COUNTY

Interfaith group sets 3 sessions on refugee resettlement

Group objects to county board stance on issue

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Refugees have been legally resettled throughout the United States with few problems for decades, according to the Rev. Sid Mohn, director of Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan.



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Finding homes for these refugees was made more difficult after President Donald Trump signed an executive order last fall, requiring states and local municipalities to give written permission before refugees can be resettled. Michigan is among the more than 40 states that have given written consent for refugee resettlement.

But in January, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution saying that only refugee youth with no guardians are welcome to settle in the county.

The resolution goes on to say that "this consent does not extend at this time to the placement of arriving refugee families and adult individuals within the county."

"It's somewhat chilling to be a resident of a county that says – we don't want any refugees here," Mohn said. "... This is the first time there has been an endeavor to federally regulate how individuals lawfully admitted to the United States, where they can live. If you or I want to move to Indiana, we move to Indiana. If a legal permanent resident of Illinois decides he wants to move to Michigan, he can't."

County Administrator Bill Wolf and county board Chairman Mac Elliott were unavailable to comment on this issue.

According to the meeting's minutes, commissioners pulled the resolution off the Jan. 9 consent calendar and, after discussion, passed it unanimously. The only discussion mentioned in the minutes is that the commissioners were worried about homelessness.

Mohn said Interfaith Action represents more than 30 faith-based communities that includes Christians, Muslims and Jews.

"This is very much a faith-based issue. Jewish, Muslim and Christian Holy writings indicate that there's an obligation to welcome the stranger, to treat the immigrant with justice," he said. "For Christian and Jewish communities, Jesus, as a Jewish infant, had to flee with his family to Egypt to avoid persecution and was, in fact, a child of a refugee family."

Mohn said there has been a lot of confusion and misinformation about the resettlement program. Interfaith Action is hosting a three-part educational series, which starts this Thursday, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the refugee act and to educate people about the program. Discussions will include who the refugees are, why they are protected internationally and how they are screened before entering the United States. He said the discussions will be in a talk show format so the audience can be included.

The second segment will be Thursday, March 19, and the final segment will be Monday, March 23. All of the meetings will start at 6 p.m. and be held in the Lawrence Room of the Lincoln Township Library in Stevensville. They are scheduled to run until 7:30 p.m. each night.

Leading the first segment on the national context, this Thursday, will be Jane Trejo, manager of refugee programs for Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids. Besides the U.S., she has worked in the United Kingdom, Russia, Japan and Mexico and is a member of the Michigan Committee for Refugee Resettlement. A refugee will be with Trejo to discuss his experiences.

On March 19, the local context will be discussed by Christine Suave, director of Welcoming Michigan, a program of the Kalamazoo-based Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. She previously served in the Peace Corps and will discuss immigrant inclusion in the state.

The March 23 segment will feature Shadi Martini, a refugee from Syria and executive director of the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees. He will use the refugee crisis in Syria as an example of what is happening with refugees globally.

Mohn said that the refugees in the program are kept outside the United States for 18-24 months while they undergo an extensive screening process by the United Nations and various U.S. agencies.

"Of any population in the U.S., refugees are the most screened," he said.

To be considered a refugee, Mohn said the people must be outside their home country and unable to return because they are likely to be jailed or killed due to their race, religion, political opinion or social group.

Historically, he said 100,000 refugees a year have been allowed to be resettled in America until the Trump administration cut that number to 18,000. He said various faith-based entities are in charge in each state of finding new homes for the refugee families, with the federal government giving them cash and medical assistance for the first few months so they aren't burdens on the local communities.

He said refugees are usually resettled in areas with low unemployment.

Mohn said it is an erroneous stereotype that refugees don't work and are a burden on the economy.

Shortly after the commissioners passed the January resolution, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction suspending the executive order, saying that allowing states and local governments to block the resettlement of refugees is contrary to the intent of the 1980 Refugee Act.

"We would hope that if the county ever took another vote in the future, that the county would vote to be welcoming to refugees," Mohn said.

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Whirlpool opens $55M distribution center in Tulsa

By HP STAFF

TULSA — Whirlpool Corp. has opened its new state-of-the-art Factory Distribution Center (FDC) next to its existing manufacturing plant in Tulsa, Okla.

The existing plant produces freestanding and slide-in ranges under the Whirlpool, Amana, Maytag, KitchenAid and JennAir brands.

The appliance maker's $55 million investment in the FDC, an 800,000-square-foot facility, will about double the size of its footprint in Tulsa.

The investment will support increased production capacity in the plant and improve efficiencies within the company's existing supply chain across North America.

The opening of the FDC will also support the creation of an estimated 150 manufacturing jobs within the plant, in addition to the existing workforce of 1,710.

"This is an important day for Whirlpool Corp. and further demonstrates our unwavering commitment to American manufacturing," said Jim Keppler, vice president of Integrated Supply Chain and Quality for the North America Region at Whirlpool.

"It represents not only an investment in the men and women of the Tulsa plant and FDC and surrounding communities, but also in the many others who assemble appliances at our eight additional U.S. manufacturing plants."

The state-of-the art distribution center features a number of smart technology investments, including:

- A climate control system that regulates and maintains a consistent temperature and humidity profile within the warehouse.
- Innovative dock loading equipment that will create safer loading practices for operators.
- Advanced conveyor equipment that will distribute inventory, decreasing potential damage.
- New information systems which will enable best in class inventory control, provide real time information and contribute to warehouse labor efficiency.

The distribution facility is expected to be LEED certified.

"This new Factory Distribution Center represents a decades-long partnership between Whirlpool Corp. and Northeast Oklahoma," said Mike Neal, president and CEO of the Tulsa Regional Chamber. "Whirlpool's addition of high-quality jobs will have a positive ripple effect across the entire region's manufacturing industry. This expansion positions Tulsa Operations for future success, and we at the Chamber look forward to a continued partnership with the company."

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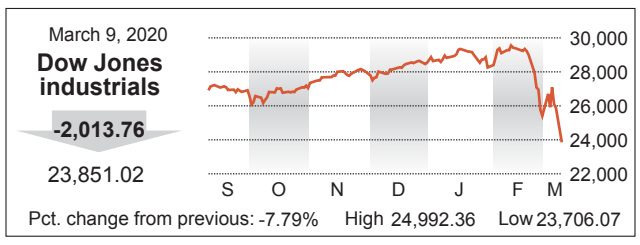

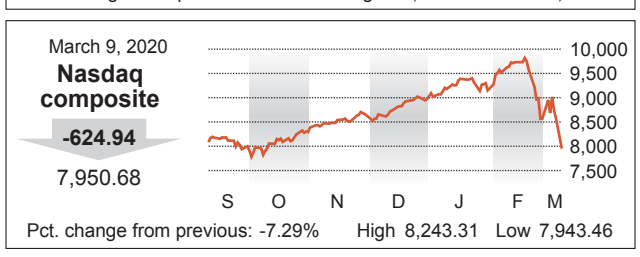

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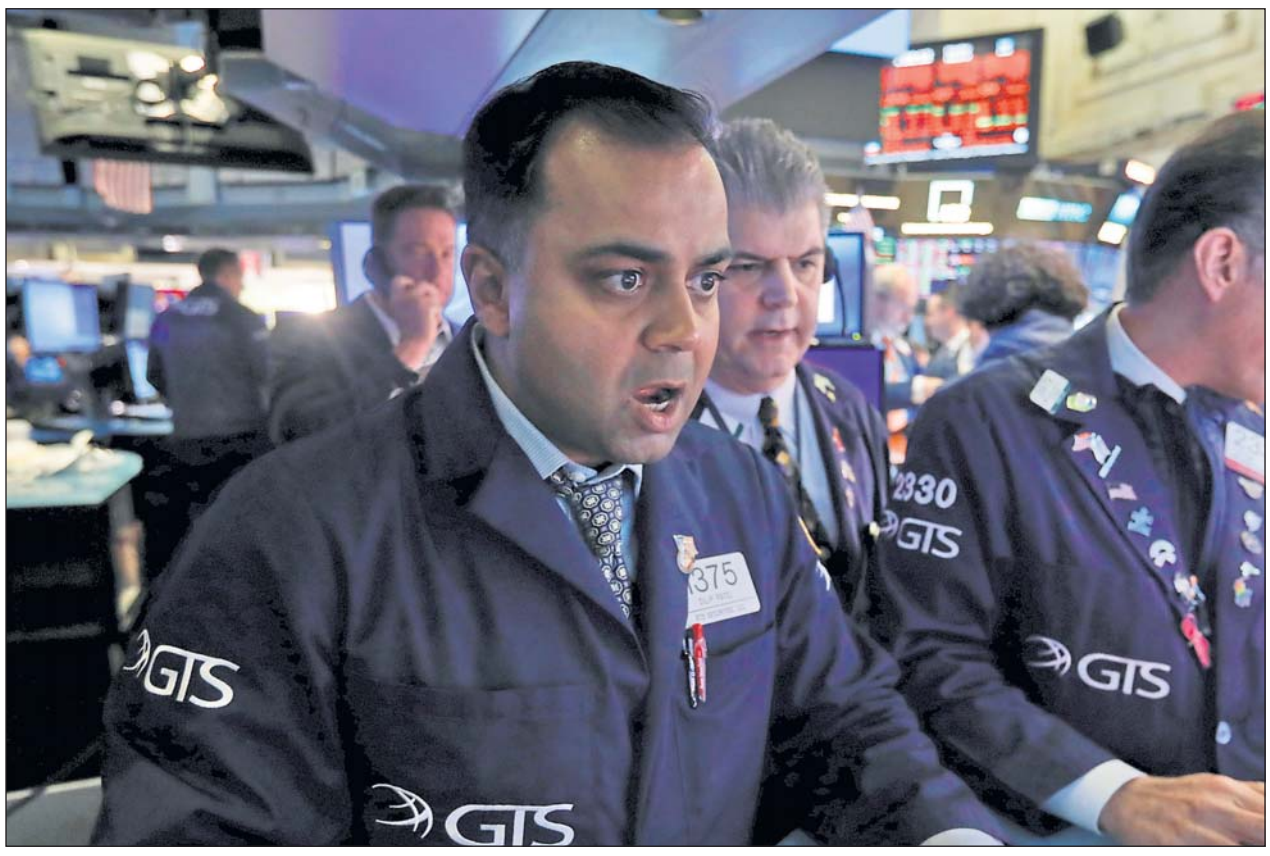

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Specialist Dilip Patel, left, works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 7.8 percent, its steepest drop since the financial crisis of 2008, as a free-fall in oil prices and worsening fears of fallout from the spreading coronavirus outbreak seize markets.

Stocks plummet amid coronavirus fears and oil-price crash

By STAN CHOE and ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writers

Stocks took their worst one-day beating on Wall Street since the global financial crisis of 2008 as a collapse in oil prices Monday combined with mounting alarm over what the coronavirus could do to the world economy.

The staggering losses, including a 7.8 percent tumble in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, immediately raised fears that a recession might be on the way in the U.S. and that the record-breaking 11-year bull market on Wall Street may be coming to an abrupt end in a way no one even imagined just a few months ago.

The drop was so sharp that it triggered the first automatic halt in trading in more than two decades. European stock indexes likewise registered their heaviest losses since the darkest days of the 2008 meltdown and are now in a bear market.

Together, the sell-offs reflected growing anxiety over the potential global economic damage from the coronavirus, which has infected more than 110,000 people worldwide and killed about 4,000 while prompting factory shutdowns, travel bans, closings of schools and stores, and cancellations of conventions and celebrations big and small.

"The market has had a crisis of confidence," said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at Baird.

The market slide came as Italy, the hardest-hit place in Europe, began enforcing a lockdown against 16 million people in the north, or one-quarter of the country's population, and then announced that travel restrictions would be extended nationwide. Premier Giuseppe Conte said all people will have to demonstrate a valid reason to travel beyond where they live.

The turmoil in Italy – marked by masked police officers and soldiers checking travelers' documents and restrictions that affected such daily activities as enjoying an espresso at a cafe counter or running to the grocery store – is expected to push the country into recession and weigh on the European economy.

Elsewhere around the world, Ireland went so far as to cancel St. Patrick's Day parades, and Israel ordered all visitors quarantined just weeks before Passover and Easter, one of the busiest travel periods of the year.

In the U.S., a cruise ship with a cluster of coronavirus cases that forced it to idle off the California coast for days docked at Oakland as officials prepared to start bringing passengers to military bases for quarantine or return them to their home countries. The Grand Princess had more than 3,500 people aboard, 21 of them infected.

The market was also dragged down by another, intertwined development: Oil prices plunged nearly 25 percent after Russia refused to roll back production in response to virus-depressed demand and Saudi Arabia signaled it will ramp up its own output.

While low oil prices can translate into cheaper gasoline, they wreak havoc on energy companies and countries that count on petroleum revenue, including the No. 1 producer, the United States.

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Other agenda items

The board voted to enter into a contract with Co-Alliance for transportation fuel for the district in the amount $1.90 per gallon for gasoline and $1.93 per gallon for diesel.

The contract totaled about $63,000, which becomes effective July 1 and continues through June 30, 2021.

"I believe this one was a little earlier than normal, but it's because we have such great prices right now," Bruce said.

Trustees also appointed Kruggel Lawton as auditor for the district through June 30, 2021.

The board will next meet for a workshop at noon on April 20 at the administrative office.

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COLOMA

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and look newer.

"That still leaves me about 100 and some thousand dollars in the account," she said.

The school board members approved the project, agreeing it is a nice problem to have.

Labor Day

In other business, the school board approved the district's 2020-2021 school calendar.

Superintendent Dave Ehlers said it's very similar to the current school year calendar, but it will take advantage of being able to start before Labor Day. The district will start with a half day of school on Aug. 31.

He said the change, approved by the teacher's union, will allow the first semester to end right before winter break, so students won't have any homework and teachers can work on report cards during break.

Ehlers said, without it, the district would have to be in school through the end of June 2021.

He also reported to the school board that the district is buying extra lights for its fleet of about 15 school buses.

The lights will project out in front of the bus to allow safer pickups and drop-offs of students in the dark. He said the lights will be installed in the next few weeks at a cost of just under $1,200.

Starting next month, the school board will now meet in Room 46 of Coloma Junior High instead of the Coloma Intermediate School Media Center.

Ehlers said the room is being painted, cleaned and set up to be a permanent meeting room, and training room if needed. It's an old classroom that isn't used anymore and is right next to the district's administrative offices.

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Zachary Morris said that the district has found itself in the front line of a political battle, something school systems aren't designed to do. He said he supports Reo's recommendation to do away with the mascot "and begin writing the next chapter of our school's history."

The lone no vote came from Trustee Thomas Baney. Baney said he'd never found the term Redskin to be what he called "toxic." If a new mascot came about, the pain would just get transferred to another group. "The pain will not go away," Baney said.

According to the resolution offered by Reo, the Redskins nickname will be retired at the end of this school year. Reo recommended coming up with a new mascot at the July meeting.

"The entire community would be invited to participate throughout the process," Reo said.

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for civil engineering at Wightman, told trustees the average household currently receives a $45.19 charge per month for its wastewater bill. The 15 percent increase would lead to a $51.97 monthly bill.

Manager Steve Tilly said the township hasn't raised its sewer rates in the last decade, with the exception of 2016, when the township agreed to a 4 percent increase to cover added charges from the Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Joseph.

The city of St. Joseph manages water and sewer services for Lincoln, Royalton and St. Joseph townships.

The Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority, which Royalton Township is a part of, received a Storm and Wastewater (SAW) grant to evaluate the condition of its sewer systems a couple years ago.

Tilly said Wightman began reviewing the township's sewer system in the summer of 2018. He said it took about a year and a half to review everything, including video footage of the sewer lines.

Wightman representatives presented their findings at Monday's board meeting, which highlighted numerous lines and stations in need of replacement.

"It will be my job in the next year to put together a long-term plan," Tilly said in reference to the upcoming wastewater projects the township faces. "We're looking at 20 years worth of work."

Big projects ahead

With previous water line projects putting a dent in Royalton's sewer fund, the board also learned about a future project the township would have to help pay for.

St. Joseph Township officials reached out to Royalton with plans to replace a water line in the next few years, after three water main breaks occurred in the past 18 months.

The line in question runs along Hollywood Road from Niles Avenue to Maiden Lane, which operates as a border between the two townships.

While the water line belongs to St. Joseph Township, Royalton agreed to buy half of the line in 1986 so residents could connect to it.

The news of this project comes with bad timing, as Royalton Township has recently helped replace another water main in a joint effort with Lincoln and St. Joseph townships.

The cost was split among the three municipalities based on population. While Royalton Township paid the least among the three, the project still cost Royalton more than $700,000.

Tilly said the township had about $1.5 million in its wastewater fund prior to the project.

Now trustees are issuing a 15 percent increase to ease the burden that will hit the township's sewer fund once Tilly begins prioritizing the first of many projects to come.

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Italy expands travel ban, Israel tightens entry

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SOAVE, Italy — The battle to halt the coronavirus brought sweeping new restrictions Monday, with Italy expanding a travel ban to the entire country, Israel ordering all visitors quarantined just weeks before Passover and Easter, and Spain closing all schools in and around its capital.

Even as workers in Beijing returned to their jobs and new infections in China continued to subside, Italians struggled to navigate the rapidly changing parameters of the nation's self-imposed lockdown.

The fears fanned by the virus sent Wall Street stocks tumbling to their biggest drop since 2008, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 7.8 percent. Global oil prices suffered their worst percentage losses since the start of the 1991 Gulf War.

"Now that the virus has a foothold in so many countries, the threat of a pandemic has become very real," said World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "The great advantage we have is the decisions we all make as governments, businesses, communities, families and individuals can influence the trajectory of this epidemic."

More than 113,000 people have been infected with the virus, and more than 3,900 have died of the COVID-19 illness it causes. Most of the cases are in China, but its proportion is shrinking as the caseload grows elsewhere. More than 62,000 people have already recovered. But Italy's intensifying struggle to halt the virus' spread emerged as a cautionary tale.

"There won't be just a red zone," Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said, in announcing that a lockdown covering about 16 million people in the north would be expanded to the entire country starting Tuesday.

Italian doctors celebrated one small victory after the first patient diagnosed with the illness, a 38-year-old Unilever worker, was moved out of intensive care and began breathing on his own. But the virus' rapid spread was forcing them to operate like war-time medics, triaging patients to decide who get access to scarce ICU beds.

"Unfortunately we're only at the beginning," said Dr. Massimo Galli, head of infectious disease at Milan's Sacco hospital.

Travelers at Milan's main train station had to sign police forms self-certifying that they are traveling for "proven work needs," situations of necessity, health reasons or to return home. Ski lifts were ordered to close after students whose classes were canceled began organizing trips to winter resorts.

Italy's 9,172 cases and 463 deaths are the second-most in the world. China on Tuesday recorded just 19 new cases over the previous 24 hours, its lowest total since it began reporting national figures on Jan. 20.

Inmates at more than two dozen Italian prisons rioted against restrictions on family visits and other containment measures, and six died after they broke into the infirmary and overdosed on methadone.

Pope Francis livestreamed a Mass he celebrated alone but held some meetings.

For most people, the new type of coronavirus first detected in China in December causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. It can progress to serious illness including pneumonia, especially in older adults and people with existing health problems.

China has registered 80,754 cases in total and 3,136 deaths as of Tuesday.

The apparent subsiding of its outbreak came only after Chinese authorities imposed massive quarantines, which are still largely in place. Other virus-hit countries are embracing less strict, but still aggressive measures.

Israel will quarantine anyone arriving from overseas for 14 days, a decision coming barely a month before Easter and Passover.

All St. Patrick's Day parades were canceled in Ireland, including one in Dublin that typically draws half a million to its streets.

All schools in and around Madrid will close for two weeks. The rising number of cases around Spain's capital "imply a change for the worse," the country's Health Minister Salvador Illa said.

Trying to send a message of confidence in the economy, French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife walked on Paris' Champs-Elysees avenue. "I'm shaking hands using my heart," he said as he waved to people while keeping a 1-meter distance from passersby.

In China, the slow emergence from its extreme quarantine measures spotlighted the virus' continued economic impact.

"Our business is one-fifth of what it was before," said Cheng Sheng, who helps run a stand in Beijing that sells sausages and noodles. "There's much less foot traffic. There are no people."

Infections were reported in more than half the world's countries, and flashpoints were erupting around the globe.

"We are working for valuable time, time in which scientists can research medicines and a vaccine" and in which governments can help stock up on protective equipment, said German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose country has reported over 1,100 cases and, as of Monday, its first two deaths.

Iranian state television reported another 43 deaths, pushing the official toll to 237, with 7,161 confirmed cases. But many experts fear the scope of the illness in Iran is far wider than reported. South Korea reported 35 more cases, bringing its total to 7,513.

In the United States, where more than 600 infections and 26 deaths have been reported, the Grand Princess cruise ship docked in Oakland, California, after days idling at sea while dozens of those aboard were tested.

Fleets of buses and planes were ready to whisk the more than 2,000 passengers to military bases or their home countries for a 14-day quarantine. At least 21 people aboard have been confirmed to have the infection.

In Washington, the Capitol's attending physician's office said "several" members of Congress had contact with a person who attended a recent political conference and subsequently developed COVID-19. They "remain in good health," the office said. Three members of Congress, Sen. Ted Cruz and Reps. Doug Collins and Paul Gosar, said they are quarantining themselves after determining they had contact with the person.

After earlier closing its land borders, Saudi Arabia cut off air and sea travel to and from Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, South Korea, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. All Saudi schools and universities closed beginning Monday.

Qatar cut off travel to 15 countries and said it would shut down schools and universities beginning Tuesday.

Organizers of the annual Holocaust remembrance march in southern Poland postponed it this year due to coronavirus fears, and soccer authorities said at least four major matches – in France, Germany and Spain – would take place with no fans.

Anteo Marinoni / LaPresse via AP

People walk in an almost empty St. Mark's Square in Venice, Italy on Monday. Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte says he is restricting travel nationwide to try to stop the spread of the new coronavirus. Conte said Monday night a new government decree will require all people in Italy to demonstrate they need to work, have health conditions or other limited legitimate reasons to travel outside their home areas.

As labs ramp up, who can get tested in U.S. for coronavirus?

By MATTHEW PERRONE and MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Can any American who's sick get tested for the worrisome new coronavirus?

That's been a complicated question, one that's left doctors, patients and some health experts frustrated and concerned.

U.S. health officials say more and more public and private laboratories are now able to test for the virus. But some experts have wondered why it's taken so long, and what that means to efforts to spot and stop the outbreak's spread.

Here's a look at the state of U.S. testing:

Jessica Hill / AP

Microbiologist Xiugen Zhang runs a Polymerase Chain Reaction, or PCR, test on March 2 at the Connecticut State Public Health Laboratory, in Rocky Hill, Conn. U.S. health officials say more and more public and private laboratories are now able to test for the new coronavirus.

Who can get the test?

Not everyone. For now, tests are limited to people with fever, cough and other flu-like symptoms. Priority goes to people who have had close contact with someone confirmed to have the virus or those who traveled to an outbreak area outside the U.S. But recently, doctors have been encouraged to request a test if a patient's symptoms just seem suspicious.

For weeks, doctors had to consult local or federal health officials for a decision on testing. But as commercial laboratories are beginning to come online, doctors are getting more leeway to make testing decisions.

Patients should get tested first for the seasonal flu and other common infections to rule those out, officials say.

How does the test work?

The test uses samples taken from the patient with swabs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends at least two swabs, one from the throat and the other from the nose. That's where the virus tends to enter and cause an infection.

The samples are then sent off to a limited number of government, academic and private labs that can run the test.

The test uses a laboratory technique called polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, to find tiny traces of the virus' genetic material and, in just a few hours, make billions and billions of copies of it – enough that a computer can detect it.

The lab process can take roughly 4 to 6 hours. Altogether, it can take several days to ship a sample and receive the results back.

How many tests can be done?

Federal officials have touted the shipment of more than 1 million tests to U.S. health labs. But the actual number of people who can be tested is much lower. One reason is that it takes multiple samples and tests to confirm a single result.

But testing capacity is also being squeezed by a number of other factors, including the limited number of labs and the time it takes to set up and run the tests.

Flaws in the CDC's original test also delayed the rollout to other labs. In early February, the CDC started sending out tests to state and local public health labs. But before they were put into use, some tests proved to be faulty and unreliable.

The labs have now gotten the tests going, with facilities in all 50 states capable of running about a total of 75,000 tests over the next days or weeks, the CDC's Dr. Nancy Messonnier said Monday.

The Food and Drug Administration granted private and academic labs permission to develop and use their own tests late last month. But Harvard University's Dr. Michael Mina says it can take labs days or weeks to fine-tune their testing methods, much like a restaurant trying out a new recipe.

National testing chains, including Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp, began offering tests Monday. That will result in a "dramatic increase in the availability of testing," Vice President Mike Pence said.

So far, the CDC has done tests for 1,700 people, but that doesn't include tests done by other government or private labs. More than 600 Americans have tested positive.

How are other countries handling testing?

The first outbreak was identified in China, and in January, China shared genetic information that allowed labs in the U.S. and other countries to develop tests.

Germany used a dense network of independent labs to help speed testing of potential cases, and has the ability to run around 15,000 tests a day. South Korea reportedly can run roughly 15,000 tests a day, too, thanks to a quickly established collaboration between health officials and biotech companies there.

Experts note that looking for a virus, through testing, is an important way to know how much it's spreading. That means health officials in some other countries got more of a head start to prepare for spread of the virus, they say.

New Jersey declares emergency amid coronavirus spread

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy declared a state of emergency Monday to help the state address the spread of the new coronavirus.

The declaration allows state agencies and departments to use state resources to assist affected communities. The Democrat's executive order declaring a state of emergency and a public health emergency came on a day when five more cases of COVID-19 were identified, bringing New Jersey's total to 11.

"The State of New Jersey is committed to deploying every available resource, across all levels of government, to help respond to the spread of COVID-19 and keep our residents informed," Murphy said in an emailed statement.

The five new cases affected people in northern New Jersey as well as in Monmouth County, Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver and Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli said during a news conference.

Officials said Monday they would begin to hold daily briefings on the virus as it begins to affect more residents.

Murphy recently returned from surgery in New York to remove a tumor on his kidney. Oliver had been acting governor since Murphy returned over the weekend. He is still at his home resting.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover from the new virus.

A closer look at the latest developments on the new coronavirus in New Jersey:

What we know

Persichilli gave details about the newest patients. They are: an 18-year-old woman in Clifton in Passaic County who began showing symptoms of COVID-19 on March 6. She had close contact with a person who tested positive in New York. She is not hospitalized.

The second new case is a 48-year-old man from Berkeley Heights in Union County. That person is hospitalized at Overlook Medical Center. The person became symptomatic after being in close contact with people who recently traveled to Milan, Italy, however those people tested negative for the virus, Persichilli said.

The third new case is a 27-year-old male from Little Silver in Monmouth County. The patient is not hospitalized. Exposure happened at a conference in Boston late last month.

The fourth new case is an 83-year-old man in Hazlet in Monmouth County. Exposure at the time is unknown and the patient is at Bayshore Medical Center in Holmdel.

The fifth new case is a 30-year-old in Teaneck, Bergen County. That person is hospitalized at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck. Exposure at the time is also unknown.

There are 24 other people under investigation, according to the Health Department.

What we don't know

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have not yet confirmed any of the tests New Jersey has sent there, official said. It's unclear why.

It's also unclear in some cases how the patients have been exposed to the disease. Officials say they're continuing to trace patients' contacts.

New steps

Persichilli said the state is beginning to "look into" mitigation steps, including recommending that people telecommute if they can. She also mentioned the possibility of school and daycare closures.

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Warren will be back

I resigned from the Prognosticators Union at about midnight on Election Night 2016, but if you had asked me in mid-October who was going to be the Democratic nominee for president, my answer would have been Elizabeth Warren.

For a time, the liberal Senator from Massachusetts was ahead in the polls and, perhaps more importantly, had begun to gather support from all wings of the Democratic Party. Yet by the end of November, her standing had collapsed and would never recover.

E.J. Dionne

What happened? Yes, sexism certainly happened. But so did health care and Warren's mishandling of this issue. And both undercut what had been a promising and often inspiring campaign rooted in problem-solving and reform.

The sexism that mattered was as much indirect as direct, of the "Well, I would vote for a woman but ... " variety. All along, there was an undercurrent of worry among many Democrats that President Trump would weaponize sexism against Warren just as he had against Hillary Clinton. Some also fretted that Warren's Harvard/Cambridge side would loom far larger to voters than the Oklahoma roots she invoked regularly and eloquently.

Even when she soared to the lead nationally, a mid-October Quinnipiac survey revealed a clear gender gap. At that point, Warren then stood at 30 percent to 27 percent for Biden, 11 percent for Sanders and 8 percent for former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg. But while Warren was winning 33 percent of women, she was taking just 24 percent of men, behind Biden's 31 percent.

Warren couldn't hold on to her lead. The big intervening event was an Oct. 16 debate in which Warren was pummeled by, among others, Biden, Buttigieg and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., for failing to explain how she would pay for the Medicare-for-All plan she had joined Sanders in supporting. It was an issue Sanders dodged by acknowledging he'd raise taxes on the middle class but without offering many specifics. Warren's supporters have asked ever since if there was also sexism in Sanders' relative immunity from scrutiny on his numbers.

But as the "I have a plan for that" candidate, Warren felt obliged to respond by laying out her proposal's costs and savings in great detail. This only brought further challenge, so she tried to tamp down the controversy by announcing that she would not move to pass a single-payer health plan until the third year of her term. The upshot is that she alienated people left and right.

By Thanksgiving, the bottom had fallen out. Quinnipiac had Biden back in the lead at 24 percent in late November, with Buttigieg surging to 16 percent, Warren crashing to 14 percent and Sanders at 13 percent. The extent of the damage to Warren is underscored by the fact that her share among women was cut in half, to 16 percent. Her support among very liberal Democrats fell from 50 percent to 33 percent, and among the "somewhat liberal," the party's center of gravity, from 34 percent to 17 percent.

She tried to come back as the unity candidate, standing between Sanders and Biden, but she could never undo the damage done by a policy that, in truth, was never a key weapon in her arsenal.

Yet it would be a shame if Warren's failure obscured what her candidacy actually achieved. When she was riding high, her popularity reflected something important: a widespread appreciation for her as a solutionist. She was willing to build a candidacy on detailed initiatives aimed at solving problems voters care about.

Her political reform proposals were state-of-the-art and dovetailed well with HR1, the big voting rights and campaign finance bill passed by the Democratic House. Her plan for universal access to child-care was practical and answered an enormous need. Her bill of rights for gig economy workers spoke to radical changes in the nature of employment. Her emphasis on the dangers of monopoly and the need for new approaches to antitrust were part of a much larger trend toward challenging economic concentration.

And while her wealth tax aroused controversy, it changed the direction of the tax debate. In one form or another, higher levies on the very wealthy will now be part of any debate over how to raise government revenue that will be needed to pay for new programs and narrow Trump's deficits.

Yes, sexism hurt Warren and so did her own mistakes. She proffered "big structural change" to a party that mostly just wants to beat an abominable incumbent. But her agenda is not going away. And neither is she.

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LETTERS

Trump is so incompetent he's dangerous

Editor,

Our country is currently in the midst of a serious public health crisis. We are greatly in need of competent, honest leadership. Sadly, the current president of our country is neither competent nor honest.

Over the past two years Donald Trump has weakened our nation's security by eliminating the government positions that were most responsible for monitoring and responding to global outbreaks of infectious diseases.

When the novel coronavirus epidemic began back in January, Trump downplayed the danger to the U.S. and avoided taking aggressive action to prepare for the inevitable spread of the illness in our country. As a result, when the virus began to appear here, the government was not prepared.

Public health professionals have been unanimous in sounding the alarm about the urgent need for testing kits to determine who has been infected with the virus. They have also been unanimous in their criticism of the Trump administration's failure to aggressively develop and produce testing kits.

All the other countries that have had an outbreak of this virus have aggressively tested their people. This testing has greatly aided their ability to respond in the most effective manner. Our country has lagged far behind.

Instead of taking action to prepare for the inevitable spread of novel coronavirus infections in the U.S., Donald Trump has been fixated on public relations. His only concern seems to be trying to convince Americans that he is doing "a perfect job," despite the abundant evidence that the opposite is the case.

From the outset of the epidemic in the U.S., Trump has told one lie after another. Initially he said he had gotten the situation under control by banning travel from China. When it was clear that people in the U.S. were nonetheless getting infected, and that some people were dying from the illness, he attempted to downplay the seriousness of the disease. He also downplayed the need to institute measures to prevent the spread of the disease, stating that most people who were infected were able to go about their regular lives, and some were able to go to work. These remarks by the president directly contradicted the advice of medical experts, who strongly advised anyone who had symptoms of the illness to stay away from other people so they wouldn't spread the disease.

Trump also lied about how soon a vaccine could be developed to prevent infections with this virus. He repeated his false claim that a vaccine could be developed in "a few months," even after the government's medical experts said it would take at least a year.

Donald Trump is incompetent and dishonest. He is a danger to the health and security of our nation.

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Why not pay people sick with the virus to stay home?

By MARIEL GARZA

The rapid passage of an $8.3-billion emergency spending plan to fight the spread and severity of the coronavirus shows that Congress and the president are willing to set aside their petty partisanship in the face of the emerging health threat.

That's reassuring.

What's not is that they left out of the funding package an important tool to fight the spread of COVID-19: paying people with coronavirus symptoms to stay home from work.

The dollars will go to vaccine and therapeutics development, protective equipment for health care workers, support for local public health departments and hospitals fighting outbreaks and help for global health efforts. But there's no earmark for payments for people who may contract the virus but can't afford to take a day off.

That's a problem because, with the coronavirus apparently now freely circulating throughout the U.S., public health officials are asking people who have a fever, cough and other symptoms of the novel virus to stay home from work.

For people like me who work in companies that offer paid sick leave or in jobs that can be done remotely, it's not a hardship to stay at home to nurse a cough in case it is not just a seasonal cold. But for the 32 million American workers who lack paid sick leave benefits, most of them in low-wage service industry or gig economy jobs, it's a completely different calculus – and one that doesn't add up to good public health policy.

For one thing, about 80 percent of the cases of coronavirus are mild and may appear to be just a cold. A lot of us simply power through a cold and go to work anyhow. And while it might be the wrong thing to do during the outbreak of a new virus that has no vaccine and few treatment options, it may not be feasible for people living paycheck to paycheck. It's not fair to make low-wage workers choose between the real risk of not having enough money for the rent and the theoretical one of spreading an invisible contagion.

That's why public health officials and Congress should be talking about directing some of that $8.3 billion toward an emergency paid sick leave program to subsidize workers who want to do the right thing and keep their germs to themselves but can't afford to.

(Later, we should move toward permanent federal paid sick leave. States like California and Washington have laws guaranteeing it to most workers, but most states don't. It's appalling that the U.S. lacks such a basic public health benefit for hard-working people.)

I know it's politically difficult to talk about expanding federal benefit programs for low-income workers, but this is one case in which a small handout could make everyone safer. If we can spend $1 billion on global health efforts, surely we can find some funds to pay sick Americans to stay home. Frankly, I'm surprised that, given the advanced age of the people running our government, this hasn't even been part of the funding discussion.

But it should be, because here's the harsh reality: This outbreak favors the young. People over 60 are much more likely to get seriously ill and die from the COVID-19 illness than younger adults. And guess who makes up most of the people in food service jobs? Don't we want to encourage them not to come to work sick?

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So, two old white guys walk into a bar

Even before Sen. Elizabeth Warren suspended her presidential campaign, a recurrent theme had emerged from the commentariat. In so many words: Now all we have to choose between are two septuagenarian white men.

(Yes, Hawaii's Rep. Tulsi Gabbard is still running, though no one seems to know why.)

Kathleen Parker

We've long known that white men are the demographic to hate (on), as the woke generation might put it. But not so long ago – like, last summer – it was considered bad form to be ageist. P.S. Warren is 70.

What happened? And, how did the Democratic Party suddenly start acting like the GOP? Somehow, with all the diversity crowding the original field of Democratic contenders, the party of progress wound up culling the herd to two white men of advanced years.

One, 78-year-old Bernie Sanders, is an arm-waving socialist who comes across as a fanatic. The other, 77-year-old Joe Biden, is a bleeding-heart, old-school liberal, whose style tends toward the conciliatory.

My favorite Biden line from the debate series tells the story. When the moderator in the debate here last week called time on Biden, the former vice president seemed surprised at himself when he responded: "Why am I stopping? No one else stops."

Indeed, Biden did stop, because that's what he was supposed to do, whereas nearly all the others continued talking over the moderator. Most people probably thought little of Biden's remark even if they unconsciously absorbed the deeper meaning of his words: Biden plays by the rules. This counts a great deal when it comes to governance and consensus-building, as you may have noticed the past three or so years.

After almost five decades in public office, Biden has learned how to talk to the other side and pitch legislation without breaking down doors. Although some Democrats may see compromise as surrender and might prefer a Sanders-style revolution in the nation's affairs, they seem to be in the minority.

If the Democrats' mission is to defeat Donald Trump this fall, then primary voters have thus far chosen wisely. There is simply no way independents and Republicans-in-exile would vote for Sanders. Indeed, Sanders is the perfect candidate if voters want to see Trump reelected.

Among those disappointed with the old, white men's club are those who had hoped Warren would lead the Democratic ticket. They blame her failed campaign on long-embedded notions that presidents should look a certain way, insisting that the deck is stacked against women. Without question, women have to strive harder than men to advance in nearly every arena and Warren out-debated, out-planned and out-did herself with a passion and energy seldom, if ever, before seen.

Even so, she was often her own worst enemy. Despite her enormous talent and intelligence, Warren began losing ground when she continued to adjust her position on Medicare for All. This undermined the sincerity she otherwise conveyed. When a candidate keeps rearranging her spots, people tend to lose faith. And, by the way, didn't the Democratic Party nominate Hillary Clinton last time around?

For better or worse, Sanders and Biden have been consistent across the ages.

Both are, oddly, straight out of the Silent Generation – the cohort wedged between the Greatest Generation and baby boomers. But the two men couldn't be more different. Sanders, who honeymooned in the Soviet Union (for heaven's sake!) moved from Brooklyn to Vermont in 1968, a pivotal year in America's cultural history and the one in which Sanders seems still to be stuck. To him, it seems, once a radical, always a radical.

Biden's mindset was formed in the 1950s, like Trump's only different. In Richard Ben Cramer's "What It Takes," a political Bible for many of today's journalists, Biden never thought of himself as a radical – either when he was in college in the early Sixties, much less now. He thought of himself as an athlete, as well as someone who could get all the way to the White House from the tiny state of Delaware. He still talks about taking Trump out behind the gym, sounding more like a character out of an Archie and Veronica comic than, say, one of Trump's "people" the president sometimes sics on troublemakers at his rallies.

The main difference between the two, of course, is that Biden has grown and learned from experiences that might have broken a lesser man. He has suffered and resolved to stay positive in stark contrast to Trump, who seems to relish the opposite.

Both Sanders and Biden have served more years in Washington than should be allowed, respectively, 29 and 47 years. But the country isn't yet ready for what Sanders is selling and Biden, though he trips over his words sometimes, is steady, familiar and human. Not least, like the president he served as vice president, Biden flashes a dazzling, reassuring smile, the value of which can't be overestimated.

Against the scowler-in-chief, aged 73, an experienced, congenial, happy warrior should do well.

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AP file photo

Members of the rock group Led Zeppelin and singer Sandy Denny pose in London after receiving their awards in the Melody Maker Pop Poll in London. From left are John Bonham, Robert Plant, Denny and Jimmy Page. A federal appeals court on Monday restored a jury verdict that found Led Zeppelin did not steal "Stairway to Heaven."

Zeppelin wins latest battle of the bands in 'Stairway' fight

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal appeals court on Monday restored a jury verdict that found Led Zeppelin did not steal "Stairway to Heaven."

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco handed the major win to guitarist Jimmy Page and singer Robert Plant and dealt a blow to the estate of Randy Wolfe of the band Spirit. The estate claimed that the 1971 mega-hit "Stairway to Heaven" violated the copyright of the 1968 song "Taurus."

A majority of an 11-judge panel overturned a previous ruling that the jury in the 2016 trial should have heard the recording of "Taurus" and was given poor instructions before jurors found in favor of Page and Plant.

The composition of the two songs, not their recordings, were at issue in the case, but the plaintiffs had sought to play the two recordings for jurors as part of their argument that Page had access to the song "Taurus" as required to prove a copyright violation.

The attorney for the estate, Francis Malofiy, said that Led Zeppelin prevailed because of technicalities and judges' misunderstanding of copyright law with their insistence that sheet-music transcriptions of the songs filed with the U.S. copyright office were the only relevant material, especially given that neither Page nor Wolfe even read music.

"I have to go to court proving that Jimmy Page copied something that he never saw," said Malofiy, who plans to appeal the decision.

He said it was "ridiculous" that jurors could not simply hear the two songs in dispute, and that if they could the case would be an easy call for the Wolfe estate.

"Its frustrating when justice is the search for the truth and the truth escapes us," Malofiy said.

Representatives for Led Zeppelin declined comment.

Monday's ruling found that because the jury found that Page did have access to the song that the issue was irrelevant, and playing the recording might have prejudiced the jury to consider more than just the compositions.

"When Page testified, he candidly admitted to owning 'a copy of the album that contains 'Taurus,'" the ruling states. The jury found that both Page and Plant 'had access to the musical composition Taurus before "Stairway to Heaven" was created, it said.

"Once the jury made that finding, the remaining questions on the jury verdict form related to substantial similarity of the works."

Many of the judges were skeptical at the case's hearing in September over the playing of the recording, suggesting that it was a backdoor way for the plaintiffs to get the jury to hear the record.

"You've got to get your sound recording in to win, don't you?" Judge Andrew D. Hurwitz said as he questioned Malofiy. "You lose the case unless you do. A hundred times out of a hundred."

The 9th Circuit also broke with its own precedent on the question of jury instructions and rejected the so-called "inverse ratio" rule, which held that the more the plaintiffs could prove that an alleged song thief had access to the original material, the lower the standard became for finding the two works similar.

The judge in the trial court did not instruct the jury on the rule. Monday's decision found that he did not need to.

At issue is the classic acoustic introductory lick to "Stairway to Heaven," constantly played by amateurs in guitar shops for nearly 50 years, and the riff at the center of the Spirit instrumental "Taurus," which follows a similar musical line.

The ruling, which could be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, is a potentially precedent-setting win for musical acts accused of plagiarism, and comes in a period when many star songwriters have lost high-profile cases.

Jurors decided in a 2015 trial that Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" copied Marvin Gaye's "Got to Give It Up," and a jury last year year found that Katy Perry's hit "Dark Horse" copied from a Christian rap song.

Sesame's Count wants to get young children counted in census

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — No age group was undercounted as much during the last once-a-decade census as children under 5, researchers say. Sesame Street is hoping to use Count von Count to change that.

The Muppet best known as the Count is joining Elmo, Rosita and her mom, Rosa, in public service announcements filmed on the set of the long-running educational television show. The spots encourage parents of young children to make sure they and their children are counted in the 2020 census.

The public service announcements in English and Spanish started airing Monday. The head count starts for most people this Thursday.

In the ad, the Count plays a census taker. Casting for the spots was purposeful, Sesame Workshop officials said.

"Rosita is a bilingual Muppet. Elmo is popular and connected to young children and families, and the Count is so logical when it comes to being counted," said Jeanette Betancourt, Sesame Workshop's senior vice president of U.S. Social Impact.

The Sesame Street characters join a growing group of celebrities using their influence to encourage people to be counted. Morgan Freeman made a public service announcement for census outreach efforts in Mississippi. "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda and U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez cut one for New York City.

Evan Agostini / AP File

Sesame Street character Count von Count at Sesame Workshop's 2014 Benefit Gala in New York. The Muppet best known as the Count is joining Elmo, Rosita and her mom, Rosa, in public service announcements to encourage parents of young children to make sure they and their children are counted in the 2020 census.

Sesame Workshop also is offering fliers and information about the census that can be downloaded and distributed from its website. The television show has promoted the census every decade since 1980, when the character Maria became a census-taker in the Sesame Street neighborhood.

Demographers estimate that 4.6 percent percent of children under 5, or 1 million children, weren't counted in the 2010 census. The under-counting was worst in minority communities, with under-counting for Hispanic children estimated at 7.5 percent and for black children at 6.3 percent, according to researchers.

The consequences of overlooking young children in a community can be harmful since the decennial census helps determine the distribution of $1.5 trillion in federal spending, including money for schools, Head Start and family nutrition programs.

"We are hoping to really make a dent in that this time. I think that's really, really good because certainly the children are the future," said Stephen Buckner, a senior executive at the U.S. Census Bureau. "Someone entering the first grade is going to be an eleventh grader at the next census. There's a lot that can change in that person's life from grade one to grade 10."

Researchers who have examined the undercount say young children are more likely to be living in multi-generational households, living in foster care, in more than one household because of parental custody arrangements, or living in multi-unit buildings like apartments that are difficult to access.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Anna Ida (Redamak) Baylor, 101, formerly of New Buffalo, now of Michigan City, Ind., died March 8, 2020, at The Arbors, Michigan City. Sommerfeld Chapel and Cremation Services, New Buffalo, 469-2233.

Ricky Lee Byndum, 58, of Benton Harbor died March 6, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Julia A. Parks, 38, of Benton Harbor died March 6, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Shirley Mae Anchor

Dec. 15, 1937 – March 5, 2020

On Thursday, March 5, 2020, Shirley Mae Anchor passed away at her Hartford home, her husband Larry at her side and surrounded by her children.

Shirley was born Dec. 15, 1937, the oldest daughter of Joseph and Lilah Jordan. She was a 1955 graduate of Hartford High School. Shirley and Larry were married on July 28, 1956.

A member of the Hartford Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, Shirley enjoyed the challenge of puzzles, the beauty of butterflies and the joy of planting and tending her plants and flowers. But her greatest delight was in her children and grandchildren, seeing them grow and develop into their own unique persons. Throughout the years, both Shirley and Larry could be found at almost any ball field where a child or grandchild was playing. She loved her family and treasured every family celebration that brought them all together.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Kenneth (Pete) Jordan; sister, Patricia Rinehart; and sister-in-law, Laurel Jordan.

Along with her husband, Larry, Shirley is survived by her children: Deborah (Richard) Swigart, Lynda (Roger) Hiler, Lisa (Fred) Cook, Jeff Anchor and Michael (Sheryl) Anchor. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren: Andrew (Julie) Winans, Kimberly (Chad) Kostrzewa, Jordan (Maggie) Winans, Analyse Winans, Christopher (Courtney) Cook, Shelby Cook, Corey Cook, Abby Anchor, Lexy Anchor (Fil Garcia), Olivia Anchor, Makala Anchor, Levi Anchor and Anthony Hiler. Surviving great-grandchildren include: Brendan Nelson, Austin Nelson, Megan Nelson, Eliana Kostrzewa, Katelynn Kostrzewa, Claire Winans, Drew Winans, Nolan Winans, Jackson Winans, Mayzie Winans, Jaylen Morris, Chloe Hiler, Paisley Hiler, Aliyah Garcia and Graham Garcia. A 16th great-grandchild, baby Cook, is due in September. Shirley is also survived by three brothers, Roger Jordan, Thomas (Lois) Jordan and William (Darlene) Jordan; sister, Betty Jordan; sister-in-law, Judith Jordan; former brother-in-law, Larry (Sandy) Rinehart; and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the United Methodist Church in Hartford. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the church. Memorials may be made to Caring Circle (Hospice) or to the Hartford Fire Department. Share a memory or sign the online guest book at: www.adamspawpaw.com.

'Exorcist' actor Max von Sydow dies at age 90

By JAN M. OLSEN
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Max von Sydow, the self-described "shy boy"-turned-actor known to art house audiences through his work with Swedish director Ingmar Bergman and later to moviegoers everywhere when he played the priest in the horror classic "The Exorcist," has died. He was 90.

His agent Jean Diamond said Monday the actor, who was born in Sweden but became a French citizen in 2002, died the previous day in France.

"It is with a broken heart and with infinite sadness that we have the extreme pain of announcing the departure of Max von Sydow," Diamond said.

From his 1949 screen debut in the Swedish film "Only a Mother," von Sydow starred in close to 200 film and TV productions, remaining active well into his 80s. He received two Academy Award nominations – for best actor in 1988 for his gripping portrayal of an impoverished farmer in "Pelle the Conqueror," and best supporting actor in 2012 for his role as a mute in "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close." More recently, he received an Emmy nomination for his work as the Three-Eyed Raven in HBO's "Game of Thrones."

The Swede was a mainstay of nearly a dozen classic, angst-ridden films by Bergman, including "Wild Strawberries," "Shame" and the 1957 release "The Seventh Seal," in which he featured in one of Bergman's most memorable scenes, as the medieval knight who plays a game of chess against the grim reaper.

Barbara Neely, creator of black female sleuth series, dies

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Award-winning mystery writer Barbara Neely, who created the first black female sleuth series in mainstream American publishing, died March 2 after a brief illness, according to her publisher, Brash Books. She was 78.

Neely is perhaps best known for her four-book Blanche White series, which had at its center a nomadic amateur detective and domestic worker who uses the invisibility inherent to her job as an advantage in pursuit of the truth.

"I realized the mystery genre was perfect to talk about serious subjects," she told Ms. Magazine in 2000, "and it could carry the political fiction I wanted to write."

Neely was named the 2020 Grand Master by the Mystery Writers of America. In announcing the honor last year, the association described Neely as "a groundbreaking author" who "tackles tough social issues with an unflinching eye and a wry sense of humor."

The Blanche White series includes 1992's "Blanche on the Lam," 1994's "Blanche Among the Talented Tenth," 1998's "Blanche Cleans Up" and 2000's "Blanche Passes Go." They push past mystery into political and social commentary, like tackling violence against women, racism, class boundaries and sexism. "If Toni Morrison wrote murder mysteries, they would probably read a bit like Barbara Neely's," the women's general-interest website Bustle said in 2015.

Her White had an uncommon eye for detail and interpretation. Early in "Blanche Among the Talented Tenth," White sees a magazine picture and thinks something is amiss. "It wasn't natural for a picture of black people in a public place to all be the same complexion, unless somebody wanted it that way."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Southwest Michigan Regional Airport officials want to extend the main runway or move the airport altogether in an effort to boost its use.

Extending the runway would involve relocating Red Arrow Highway and moving people out of 250 homes, at a cost of $20 million. A new airport would be about $25 million. The board is looking into another site because the cost difference isn't that great.

35 years ago – 1985

The St. Joseph Planning Commission took steps to extend and pave Division St. between Midway Dr. and Gard Ave. A request was made by McDonald's restaurant to split off a strip of land from property owned by the St. Joseph Improvement Assoc. located behind McDonald's.

McDonald's will buy the land and deed it without cost to the city, who will improve it between Gard and Division streets, providing a rear entrance and exit to McDonald's.

50 years ago – 1970

St. Joseph School Board tasked administrators with finding a solution to a hair length controversy. Two boys had been excused from classes until their hair was in line with the dress code, which specifies hair can be no longer than the eye lashes in front or the top of the the shirt collar in back, and not cover the ears. Mrs. Carl Story served as spokesman for the students, stating no boy should be denied the right to go to school because of hair length.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 10, the 70th day of 2020. There are 296 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 10, 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

On this date:

In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1848, the U.S. Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln assigned Ulysses S. Grant, who had just received his commission as lieutenant-general, to the command of the Armies of the United States.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson – come here – I want to see you" from the next room of Bell's Boston laboratory.

In 1913, former slave, abolitionist and Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman died in Auburn, New York; she was in her 90s.

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tennessee to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1980, "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death at his home in Purchase, New York.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rain Likely	Partly Cloudy	Chance Rain	Chance Rain	Partly Cloudy	Chance Rain
40°	32°	45° / 37°	51° / 39°	40° / 34°	37° / 30°

Local Outlook

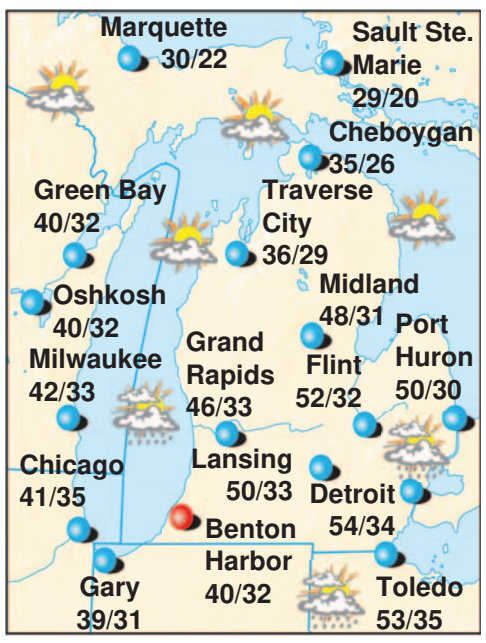
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain, high of 40°, humidity of 72%. North wind 9 to 21 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 32°. South southeast wind 2 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 31°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:05 a.m.
Sunset	7:47 p.m.
Moonrise	9:10 p.m.
Moonset	8:58 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
3/16	3/24	4/1	4/7

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	59°
Low	48°
Normal High	44°
Normal Low	27°
Record High	67° in 2016
Record Low	9° in 2003

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.02"
Month to date	0.08"
Normal for month	0.68"
Year to date	5.00"
Normal Year to date	3.85"

Air Quality

Yesterday	66
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

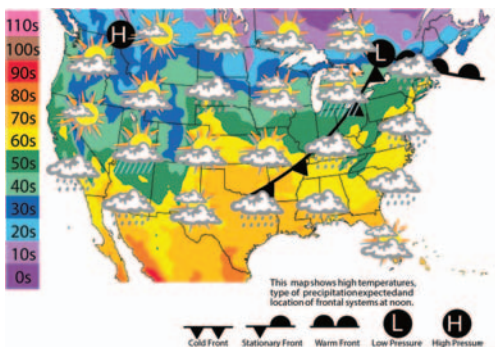
Weather Trivia

What world city is the easiest to forecast weather for?

Answer: Quito, Ecuador, with a year-round mean temperature of 55 degrees.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 10, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, N wind 21 to 26 kt decreasing to 14 to 19 kt. Cloudy. Waves 7 to 9 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, N wind around 6 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves 2 to 4 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. Northwest wind 8 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 30s. East southeast wind 2 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 40s and 50s. North wind 9 to 21 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s and 40s. Light winds.

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$10,000 to $15,000 in salary over what our superintendent, who has been here 10 years is getting, is irresponsible to our taxpayers."

Lindley said he's been on the other side of the table as a longtime superintendent. "It is being responsive to market values," he said. "It's a bitter pill to swallow but that's the cost of doing business. It is what it is."

Bair said the salary package as presented – and later approved – means that Wandrie will be paid more than any RESA superintendent in the state last year. She added that the board is currently in negotiations with two employee unions and is worried about how this contract will affect that effort.

"If we have extra money, I want it to go to the students," she said. "If we give more here, it has to come from somewhere and he'll be getting a raise each year. I don't know to answer local taxpayers as to why we're giving someone with no experience at the ISD (intermediate school district) level more than a person who's been here 10 years."

Martin said they went back and forth with Wandrie several times during the negotiations and said the final package was due partly to market forces and partly to what Wandrie is already getting. He noted that the RESA salary offer is $5,000 more than what Wandrie is now getting.

"There's no easy answer," Martin said.

Pagel agreed. "It's part where he was at, in a large district with a nice package," he said.

While Bair said she understood the total package would be around $185,000, and a number like $207,200 was never mentioned. Martin said that he didn't think what the board had talked about in terms of salary and total package was a "hard" range.

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because they were in frequent contact with Neeley about their son's behavior.

"We're talking about parents that are involved day in and day out that have punished their child ... based on what the teacher had called and said," he said.

The student's grandfather, Reginald Tyler, said he is at the school about three times a week checking on his grandchildren.

"I was there this day and not once did the lady say anything to me about what was going on, what was happening," he said. "When I arrived, he was sitting in his seat. He wasn't doing anything. So I checked on my other grandchild, come back, and everything's all right."

He said the school called him on Friday to pick his grandchild up because they said he was acting out in class.

"I talked to the teacher right there in front of the office," he said. "She still hasn't said a word to me about what happened (on Tuesday)."

Lynch said the family wants the teacher to be arrested for child endangerment.

The mother of the student said she is looking for another district for her son to attend.

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broke out over money supposedly owed to the mother. Witnesses said Jordan and both Holbrook brothers had guns, and during the altercation shots were fired. Dennis Holbrook was shot and injured, while Jordan was fatally shot.

Maveal; Kaitlin Locke and Paul Jancha Jr., lawyers for Eric Holbrook; and Jason Engram, lawyer for Dennis Holbrook, said they spent many hours ironing out a plea deal.

"This plea agreement was reached in the interest of justice," Maveal told Judge Hosbein at sentencing Monday.

"This is a no-win situation. It's a tragedy for all involved," Locke told the judge. "Eric acted in defense of others. He was trying to calm down the situation. Eric did not go to that house expecting this. He's not a cold-blooded murderer. He made this decision to take responsibility for his actions. He is a father, brother and son."

When offered a chance to speak on his own behalf, Eric Holbrook told Hosbein, "I don't know what to say." Hosbein replied that "I'm sorry" would have been a good start.

"You should be sorry for taking someone's life. This is not the wild west. This is a community. This is terrible and nobody wins here," Hosbein said. "You got a great deal. I hope you don't waste it, and I hope you come out of prison a better person. I will not get in the way of the deal."

A family member who wished to speak prior to the sentencing of Dennis Holbrook approached the podium, said, "He killed my son," then, in a raised voice, uttered several unintelligible words before turning to leave.

Maveal told the judge that he has no reason to believe Arsenio Jordan was up to no good that day.

"He was defending his family. The defendant shouldn't have been there carrying a weapon," Maveal said.

Engram agreed, saying his client understands that due to a prior conviction and being on parole, he knew he is not allowed to carry a gun.

"He didn't wake up that morning intending to kill anyone. He thinks a lot about 'What if' ... and that's going to follow him the rest of his life," Engram told the judge.

Dennis Holbrook also addressed the court.

"I apologize. I wish I could change it, but I can't," he said.

Judge Hosbein thanked him for apologizing but said, "Nothing you did or said can take back what you did. Nobody wins.

Felecia Lee was originally charged with first-degree murder along with her sons, but at an earlier hearing, Hosbein did not find probable cause to bind her over on the murder charge and it was dismissed. She has since pleaded guilty to harboring a felon, Eric Holbrook. Maveal has filed a motion to reinstate the murder charge against her. A decision on that motion is expected sometime this week.

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ELECTION

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diverse coalition that drew well from young voters, working-class whites and African Americans. But it is the kind of victory he has not been able to replicate this time, and if he does not today, any chances at the Democratic nomination may be greatly diminished.

Biden has been emphasizing the Obama administration's bailout of the auto industry, which provided an economic lifeline for GM and Chrysler and federal loans for Ford, likely saving thousands of jobs. He is also counting on continued strong support among African American voters.

How Michigan votes will also be clarifying for November. Some see Sanders' sweeping promises to cancel student debt and provide health care for all potentially energizing young voters but not older ones wary of his democratic socialist ideology. Centrist and safe, Biden could do exactly the opposite, though.

Others worry that both candidates are taking black Democrats for granted. All that may add up to neither being able to carry the state against Trump.

"There's not a lot of energy, not enough energy, I would say, even for the primary," said Michigan state Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, whose district includes a large swath of northwest Detroit. She said the Democratic Party continues to use the same playbook of waiting until the last minute to do intensive community outreach – which crippled it in 2016.

Indeed, major party turnout in Wayne County, which encompasses Detroit and is strongly African American, fell by more than 64,000 votes in 2016 as compared to 2012. That's especially important since Trump leveled the Democrats' famed "blue wall" with narrow wins in states that were supposed to comfortably go to Hillary Clinton: Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan, which he won by just 10,704 votes out more than 4.8 million cast.

Today will be the first test of Democrats' ability to take them back.

They already can point to hopeful signs. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who has endorsed Biden and been mentioned as a possible vice presidential pick, won in 2018, as fellow Democrat and Sen. Debbie Stabenow was cruising to re-election.

Veteran Michigan pollster Bernie Porn said the president remains unpopular with independents and Republican women, especially in the suburbs – though he said Trump's standing has recovered some in the wake of impeachment.

"I think Trump is in trouble," Porn said.

Flipping the state back could be built on gains in places like Grand Rapids, childhood home of Gerald Ford and long the epitome of country club Republicans, often most interested in fiscal conservatism but also closely watching social issues. It has begun moving to the left amid an influx of jobs bringing new residents from other parts of the state and the country, Porn said.

Sanders staged a rally Sunday in Grand Rapids and – vowing to grow the Democratic electorate by winning over young, minority and working-class voters – hit the University of Michigan and blue-collar Flint and Dearborn, home to a large concentration of Arab Americans. It is a promise he has made in other states during the primaries, but so far has largely failed to deliver.

"I am more than aware that Trump in 2016 won the state of Michigan by a small vote," Sanders said. "I do believe the people of Michigan aren't going to make that mistake again."

Sanders canceled a planned trip to Mississippi to spend more time in the state this past weekend. But he has struggled to broaden his appeal with black voters, as evidenced by Biden's wipe-out win in South Carolina and across many other Southern states on Super Tuesday.

Activist Monica Lewis-Patrick, president and CEO of We the People Detroit, said the eventual nominee will need a strong ground game in Detroit to prevent the same mistakes the party made in 2016, when the black community felt largely unseen and ignored. She has endorsed Sanders.

Citing the ongoing water crisis in Flint and Detroit's aggressive water shutoff campaign that has disrupted service for 100,000-plus residential accounts across the city since 2014, Lewis-Patrick said the party needs to speak to issues that are impacting lives on a daily basis.

"We've told every candidate before we got down to the final two that we noticed in the debates when they came to Detroit that was missing from the conversation," she said, referring to when the city hosted Democratic presidential debates last summer. "What we're seeing is that many campaigns are treating black and brown communities as sort of a drive-by vote."

Sanders has spoken to Flint's water problems and the shutoff issue, asking with exasperation, "How is it possible" that people in parts of the state "don't have water coming out of the tap?"

In an attempt to shore up its position no matter who wins the nomination, the Michigan Democratic Party has had staff on the ground since 2017 in "pivot" counties that supported Obama in 2012 but went to Trump last presidential cycle. It also has led campaigns highlighting Trump's "broken promises" when it comes to issues like restoring lost manufacturing jobs.

Still, Gay-Dagnogo said that, though the state Democratic Party opened 15 offices around Michigan, "it's no secret" Trump's reelection campaign has stood up its own operations in the same areas.

"I think sometimes we just wait for something magical to happen, opposed to making sure that there are financial resources in the community to get people out," she said.

Trump, meanwhile, has visited Michigan several times as president and points to a strong national economy as proof he kept his kept his promises to restore the state's lost jobs.

Manufacturing jobs in Michigan grew from 616,800 when Trump took office to 628,900 last December, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But some counties that Trump won have experienced job losses, and the state faces the prospect of further downturns as coronavirus reverberates through the economy.

While top union leaders have lined up to support either Biden or Sanders, many of their rank-and-file members continue to back Trump because of his views on social issues like guns and abortion.

"A number of union households who voted for Trump and voted against their own economic interests, I think, may do that again," said Matt Vitiote, Democratic Party chairman in Monroe County near the Michigan-Ohio border, which twice supported Obama but voted for Trump in 2016.

Williams, who noted the Chevy Blazer's international flavor, is backing Sanders and his promise to strengthen union membership nationwide. She concedes that Michigan's economy has grown under Trump but hopes it won't be enough for him to win the state again.

"I don't see that there has been real growth in higher-paying jobs," Williams said. "There have been jobs created, but they're low-paying jobs and you've got to have two or three of them in order to raise your family."

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Bridgman falls in D3 opener

Bees can't overcome cold shooting night, fall to Cassopolis

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman's boys basketball team jumped to an early lead over Cassopolis in Monday's opening round of the Division 3 boys basketball district tournament, but the Bees were unable to keep the momentum in an eventual 44-38 loss.

Cassopolis 44 Bridgman 38

"I thought we played a great floor game. We only had six turnovers. That's outstanding," said Bridgman coach Mike Miller. "That's great point guard play against a really good team that can create turnovers. I thought we did an excellent job rebounding. I think what happened tonight was we shot 18 percent from the 3-point line. They were good shots, and they were the right guys shooting them, they just didn't go in.

"On the season, we're shooting 34 percent from the 3-point line. I think if we shoot 34 percent tonight, we win the game. I think it just boiled down to that."

Cassopolis (16-5) advances to Wednesday's district semifinals, where it will face Countryside (7-11) at 7:30 p.m. at Bridgman.

Brandywine (17-3) and Watervliet (7-13) play in the other semifinal at 6:00 p.m., with the winners colliding Friday in the finals.

In Monday's contest, Bridgman (15-6) was hot shooting early, connecting on its first three attempts to take an early 7-0 lead. The Bees extended that lead to 11-5 at one point in the quarter, but the Rangers closed on a 6-2 scoring run to narrow the gap to 13-11.

Cassopolis took the lead at 17-15 early in the second quarter, and from there, the Rangers never trailed again. Cassopolis outscored Bridgman 10-2 in the quarter, which was punctuated by a Darrion Gatson 35-footer at the buzzer.

"(Bridgman) did a good job defensively taking things away," Cassopolis coach Ricky Evans said on the first half. "They took our shooters away, so we had to do a little bit of penetrating. They play defense very

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David Johnson / For The Herald-Palladium

Bridgman's Jayce Warren (22) looks to push past Cassopolis defender Darrion Gatson (10) during a Division 3 district first round game Monday night.

Defense dominates

Lakeshore boys roll to win over Portage Northern in D1 district opener

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

ST. JOSEPH – The Lakeshore boys basketball team made sure there wouldn't be a postseason letdown against Portage Northern on Monday.

The Lancers jumped out to a 20-3 first-quarter lead and went on to beat the Huskies 62-29 in Division 1 district first-round play.

Lakeshore 62 P. Northern 29

The 29 points scored by Portage Northern (12-9) were a season-low.

"We got a quick start, which was huge for us," Lakeshore coach Sean Schroeder said. "They came out with a 1-3-1 zone in the first quarter which we haven't seen all year, but we got a good start against it and that set the tone for us. We defended really well. The offensive execution was very good most of the game.

"We had some dry spells, but overall we really played well."

Lakeshore will face Mattawan (3-17) at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the district semifinal. Kalamazoo Central, an 85-45 winner over Portage Central on Monday, will play St. Joseph at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

In Monday's matchup, Lakeshore's defense made life difficult for the Huskies, who came into Monday's game having won 10 of their last 13 games. Portage Northern couldn't get into a rhythm and turnovers led to easy baskets for the Lancers.

Lakeshore (17-4) led by as many as 18 before taking a 28-12 lead into halftime.

"Lakeshore makes it really hard," Portage Northern coach Ben Neal said. "They defend so, so well, and so physically. They push you out of your offense and made every basket and every touch difficult. Their staff did a wonderful job preparing them. It makes it hard to score. And then they get hot and make some easy baskets.

"When that roll happens, it's hard to stop."

The Lancers kept the momentum going on both ends of the floor in the second half. A Ben Brower basket put the Lancers up 39-15 in the third quarter. Ben Anderson made a 3-pointer to give Lakeshore a 48-18 lead in the fourth, where the Lancers led by as many as 35.

JJ Bushu led the charge for Lakeshore with 16 points and Dylan Clem added 11. Ja'Kobe Young had six points and was a key factor on defense.

"Ja'Kobe played a really good game, especially in the first half," Schroeder said. "He was getting every rebound and playing well. We had some foul trouble in the first half. Ben Anderson and Grant Ruddell gave us great

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Lakeshore's Ben Brower goes up for a rebound against Portage Northern's Anthony Tyus III during the first half of Monday night's Division 1 district quarterfinal at St. Joseph High School.

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Lakeshore's Gavin Foster battles for a rebound against Portage Northern's Nate Mason and Jeff Wilson during the first half of Monday night's Division 1 district quarterfinal at St. Joseph High School.

Singleton's shooting lifts Tigers

Sophomore guard helps Benton Harbor win district opener; Coloma also wins

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

HOLLAND — Trucel Singleton got hot when his Benton Harbor teammates were cold.

The sophomore guard came off the bench to knock down four 3-pointers in a short stretch in the second quarter, helping the Tigers to a 51-40 victory over Holland Christian in Monday's Division 2 boys basketball district opener.

B. Harbor 51 H. Christian 40

Coloma 70 Allegan 52

"We've got a lot of players on this team that can play," Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling said. "Trucel came in, tonight was his night. He had the hot hand, so we called sets for him."

Top-ranked Benton Harbor advances to play Hamilton at 5 p.m. Wednesday. In Monday's other semifinal, Coloma defeated Allegan 70-52. The Comets will play South Haven at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Holland Christian (11-10) opened the second quarter on a 9-0 run to take a 15-9 lead and fire up its home crowd at the Holland Civic Center.

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Beavers advance

Eau Claire bests LM Catholic in D4 district

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH – Eau Claire's defense forced 32 turnovers in a 54-41 Division 4 boys district opening victory over host Lake Michigan Catholic Monday evening.

"Our defense won it for us," stated Beavers coach Jared Rusher. "It enabled us to eventually pull away in the fourth quarter."

Eau Claire 54 LM Catholic 41

Eau Claire only led 40-37 early in the fourth but took advantage of 13 Laker turnovers in the final seven minutes to eventually pull away.

"I thought we handled their full-court pressure pretty well, but as has been our problem all season, we just make too many miscues in our half-court offense," noted Josh Beckmann, Catholic coach, whose squad wound up 2-17.

Eau Claire (12-9) will take on New Buffalo (12-8) in a 5:30 p.m. district semifinal Wednesday.

"We haven't played each other

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IN BRIEF

Verlander has lat strain, unlikely to be ready for opener

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Houston ace Justin Verlander has a mild strain of a back muscle and said it would "probably take a miracle" for him to pitch on opening day at home against the Los Angeles Angels on March 26.

In an effort to remain positive, Verlander quickly added, "but I don't want to leave miracles off the table."

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner was hurt on his second-to-last pitch in Sunday's exhibition game against the New York Mets. He had an MRI on Monday and was diagnosed with a strained latissimus dorsi muscle. There is not a timetable for his return.

"Talking with doctors and looking at the scans, it's definitely not worst-case scenario," the Astros right-hander said. "Best-case scenario would be nothing. It's just probably somewhere in the middle of that."

The 37-year-old's velocity was down from his previous start, and he was removed after two scoreless innings of what had been scheduled as a four-inning outing.

Groin tightness slowed Verlander earlier in spring training. He said he did not know whether the two issues were related.

Verlander had a similar lat injury during spring training in 2015 and did not make his season debut until June 13. Verlander finished 5-8 with a 3.38 ERA in 133 1/3 innings for Detroit.

Clippers sign free agent Joakim Noah

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Clippers have signed free-agent center Joakim Noah, giving them an aggressive, physical presence with playoff experience.

The 35-year-old two-time All-Star played 42 games with Memphis last season after agreeing to a buyout with the New York Knicks. He averaged 7.1 points, 2.1 assists and 5.7 rebounds for the Grizzlies.

Noah attended the Clippers' loss to the Lakers on Sunday at Staples Center, where he was warmly received as he made his way through the crowd and sat in the stands.

"Joakim is a relentless competitor and a proven winner," Lawrence Frank, director of basketball operations, said Monday. "His experience, acumen and toughness fit well in our locker room."

Noah has been limited to 124 games since the end of the 2014-15 season in Chicago, which selected him with the ninth overall pick in the 2007 NBA draft. He was the NBA defensive player of the year in 2014.

WMU falls to Toledo in MAC tourney

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Willie Jackson scored 22 points and grabbed 16 rebounds and seventh-seeded Toledo held off No. 10 Western Michigan 76-73 in Monday night's first round of the Mid-American Conference tournament.

The Rockets (17-15) face No. 2 Bowling Green in Thursday's quarterfinal.

Toledo led by as many as 19 but saw the Broncos close to 70-69 with 1:58 to play before pulling ahead on layups by Willie Jackson and Marreon Jackson

Marreon Jackson scored 25 points with five assists and Luke Knapke added 18 points and 11 boards.

Michael Flowers scored a career-high 35 points on 13-of-22 shooting and Brandon Johnson had 19 points, including his 1,000th career point, along with seven rebounds and four blocks for the Broncos (13-19). Titus Wright had eight points and 11 rebounds.

AIRWAVES

Television today

1:00 p.m. (FoxSports) **MLB Preseason Baseball** Pittsburgh Pirates at Detroit Tigers. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (TNT) **UEFA Champions League Soccer** RB Leipzig vs Tottenham Hotspur FC. Round of 16, 2nd Leg. (Live) (CC)
5:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Lacrosse** Notre Dame at Ohio State. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Horizon League Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Northeast Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxSports) **NHL Hockey** Carolina Hurricanes at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (FS1) **CONCACAF Champions League Soccer** Quarterfinal: Montreal Impact vs CD Olimpia. 1st leg. (Live) (CC)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** WCC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Summit League Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Tennis** Tie Break Tens. From Indian Wells, Calif. (Live)

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** ACC Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** ACC Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
3:25 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Manchester City FC vs Arsenal FC. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (TNT) **UEFA Champions League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs Atletico Madrid. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Big Ten Tournament, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** ACC Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
(FoxSports) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Big East Tournament, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** San Jose Sharks at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Big Ten Tournament, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** ACC Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Big East Tournament, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Sacramento Kings. (Live)
4:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Magical Kenya Open, First Round. (Live)

Radio today

9 p.m.
College basketball — West Coast Conference championship (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Wednesday

5 p.m.
Boys high school basketball — Teams TBA (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
7 p.m.
Boys high school basketball — South Haven vs. Coloma (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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BEES

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well, so I expected the score to be that low. We didn't get off a whole lot of shots."

The Rangers led by as many as nine in the third. Bridgman got within two early in the final quarter after Henry Branch connected on a 3-pointer to make it 38-36.

But on the ensuing possession, RJ Drews netted a corner triple for the Rangers. After a Bridgman miss on the other end, Jerry Johnson added a scoop layup to move the score to 43-36 with 1:33 remaining, just enough for the Rangers to hold on.

Cassopolis had eight turnovers to Bridgman's six. Both teams were almost even in rebounding, with the Bees edging the Rangers 34-33 on the glass.

On offense, the Bees netted 4-of-22 3-point attempts and the Rangers connected on 5 of 20 (25 percent).

Gatson led all scorers with 14. Drews and Ahsan Hart each scored nine, with Johnson finishing with eight despite missing much of the second half with four fouls.

Jayce Warren led the Bees with 12 points, six rebounds, and four steals. Branch finished with 10, with Luke Blesy adding eight points and eight rebounds.

David Johnson / For The Herald-Palladium

Bridgman's Luke Blesy (10) drives past Rangers defender Daishean Jamison (11) during a Division 3 district first round game Monday night.

The two teams had met earlier this season on Dec. 28, a 70-60 win for the Bees. Evans said his team used that loss as motivation.

"It's tournament time," said Evans. "Everybody always wants that (win), and the first one is the most important one, and we got it."

The Bees were without standout big man Hunter Adams. Adams, a recent commit to Central Michigan University's football team, re-tore an ACL that was injured during football season, though Miller won't use that as an excuse.

"He's been out four games," Miller said. "We're used to playing with a post player, and we've lost that. I don't think that decided the game. We shot 18 percent from three."

The Bees bow out at 15-6, with two of those losses occurring in the first four games of the season.

"I'm really proud of the kids," Miller said. "15-6 is a great season, especially with the level of competition we play. We have four of our top eight back (next season). We have a lot of kids returning. Fifteen wins with the schedule we play is outstanding, so I think the future is bright."

Division 3 district at Bridgman

CASSOPOLIS 44, BRIDGMAN 38

CASSOPOLIS (44)
Jerry Johnson 4 0-3 8, Darrion Gatson 5 0-0 14, Ahsan Hart 4 1-1 9, Matthew Anderson 1 0-3 2, Daishean Jamison 1 0-0 2, RJ Drews 3 2-4 9. Totals: 18 3-11 44.
BRIDGMAN (38)
Luke Blesy 3 0-0 8, Jayce Warren 4 4-4 12, Henry Branch 4 0-0 10, Donnie Necas 1 0-0 2, Weston Busick 1 0-1 2, Nate Necas 2 0-0 4. Totals: 15 4-5 38.

Cass	**10**	**10**	**18**	**6**	**—**	**44**
Brid	**13**	**2**	**16**	**7**	**—**	**38**

3-point goals – Bridgman 4 (Blesy 2, Branch 2), Cassopolis 5 (Gatson 4, Drews). Rebounds – Bridgman 34 (Blesy 8, Warren 6), Cassopolis 33 (Anderson 9). Assists – Bridgman 6 (Warren 3), Cassopolis 3. Total fouls – Bridgman 13, Cassopolis 12. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Bridgman 15-6, Cassopolis 16-5.

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LANCERS

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minutes off the bench.

"We're getting more out of our guys, and that's important."

Landon Ashman had seven points for Portage Northern.

LAKESHORE 62, PORTAGE NORTHERN 29

LAKESHORE (62)
JJ Bushu 5 5-9 16, Dylan Clem 5 1-3 11, Ben Anderson 3 1-2 8, Ben Brower 3 1-1 7, Ja'Kobe Young 3 0-1 6, Jonathan Worsham 2 0-0 5, Gavin Foster 2 0-0 4, Jimmy Gillette 1 0-0 3, Seth Shiel 1 0-0 2. Totals: 25 8-18 62.
P NORTHERN (29)
Landon Ashman 2 2-2 7, Tyler Amos 2 1-4 6, D'Zharion Reynolds 2 0-1 5, Jaleel Williams 1 0-0 3, Kareem Williams 1 0-0 2, Cesar Campos 1 0-3 2, Nate Mason 1 0-0 2, Anthony Tyus 0 1-2 1, Jeff Wilson 0 1-4 1. Totals: 10 5-19 29.

Lakeshore	**20**	**8**	**15**	**19**	**– 62**
P Northern	**3**	**9**	**6**	**11**	**– 29**

3-point goals – Lakeshore 4 (Gillette, Worsham, Anderson, Bushu), P Northern 4 (Amos, Reynolds, J. Williams, Ashman). Total fouls – P Northern 14, Lakeshore 18. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Lakeshore 17-4, Portage Northern 12-9.

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Lakeshore's Jonathan Worsham defends against Portage Northern's Anthony Tyus III during the first half of Monday night's Division 1 district quarterfinal at St. Joseph High School.

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TIGERS

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Benton Harbor (19-2) scored the game's next 14 points. Singleton scored 12 of them, and his steal and assist led to an easy basket by Kentrell Pullian for the other two.

"They showed off their depth with (Singleton) coming in," Holland Christian coach David Kool. "We had scouted them pretty heavily and that was a kid that had not made shots much in the season prior to this game from what we saw.

"Him stepping up, that was big for them obviously."

Pullian finished with a game-high 17 points and made five 3-pointers. He hit one at the halftime buzzer to give the Tigers a 30-19 lead at the break, and another at the end of the third quarter to stop an 8-0 Maroons run and push the margin back to 38-31.

Benton Harbor standout Carlos Johnson was held to just six points, though he contributed other ways with seven rebounds and four assists.

"I think it was a combination of maybe our length and our size," Kool said. "And our game plan was obviously based around (Johnson), which it has to be when you're playing such a good player.

"If you would've told me we'd hold Benton Harbor to 51 points before the game, I like our chances. The way we defended was fun. We just couldn't make enough shots tonight."

Jaxon Halbert and Ethan Alderink scored 10 apiece to lead Holland Christian. The Maroons were just 2-for-22 on 3-pointers and committed 17 turnovers.

Quindarius Davis scored just two points for Benton Harbor but keyed the defensive effort with six steals, several of which led to easy baskets for teammates.

"You've got to play defense in the tournament to win," Sterling said. "Defense wins championships. And you've got to play half-court defense. We were able to get some stops towards the end when they made their run, and we were successful. Survive and advance."

Coloma (13-8) took some time to pull away from Allegan (2-19). Neither team led by more than four until the Comets closed the first half on a 7-0 run to lead 34-26. Allegan trailed just 46-42 after three quarters, but Coloma controlled the fourth.

"It was sloppy," Coloma coach Curtis McFall said. "I think they were a little nervous being on this stage and just trying to get their first district win in a few years. It was good to get that, and hopefully we settle down Wednesday."

Jake Ickes led the balanced scoring for Coloma with 14 points. Michael Dancer and Amir Hall each scored 13, and Isaiah Reinhardt added 11.

Dancer also had 12 rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Hall made an impact off the bench, scoring nine points in the first half and also contributing on defense.

"(Dancer) is just our Swiss army knife," McFall said. "He rebounds, he scores, he passes, facilitates. That's just the job that he does for us. We kind of need him to do all those things.

"Amir was good tonight. He took three charges, so he won't have to run at practice tomorrow. Tonight he came in, provided us good minutes. Him and Shawn (Dryer) play a role as our bigs, and they do a good job battling every night."

Tyler Aldrich led Allegan with a game-high 17 points.

BENTON HARBOR 51, HOLLAND CHRISTIAN 40

BENTON HARBOR (51)
Kentrell Pullian 6 0-0 17, Quindarius Davis 1 0-2 2, William Suggs 1 2-2 4, Carlos Johnson 2 2-2 6, Greg Cooper 3 0-0 6, Trucel Singelton 4 4-5 16. Totals: 17 8-11 51.
HOLLAND CHRISTIAN (40)
Logan DeWitt 3 0-0 6, Jalen Overway 3 0-0 6, Jaxon Halbert 4 1-2 10, Ethan Alderink 4 2-2 10, Adam Kroeze 1 1-2 3, Elijah Krimendahl 0 2-4 2, Collin Dykgraaf 1 0-0 3. Totals: 16 6-10 40.

B. Harbor	**9**	**21**	**8**	**13**	**—**	**51**
H. Christian	**6**	**13**	**12**	**9**	**—**	**40**

3-point goals – Benton Harbor 9 (Pullian 5, Singleton 4), Holland Christian 2 (Halbert, Dykgraaf). Total fouls – Holland Christian 13, Benton Harbor 9. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Benton Harbor 28 (Johnson 7), Holland Christian 33 (Halbert 7). Steals – Davis (BH) 6.
Records – Benton Harbor 19-2, Holland Christian 11-10.

COLOMA 70, ALLEGAN 52

ALLEGAN (52)
Cooper Lake 0 3-4 3, Tyler Dangremond 3 0-1 8, Jayden Smith 0 2-4 2, Austin Corbett 3 3-3 9, Tyler Aldrich 7 3-6 17, Riley Scofield 2 4-6 8, Baylee Schafer 1 2-2 5. Totals: 16 17-26 52.
COLOMA (70)
Jake Ickes 5 2-2 14, Drew Goodline 2 3-4 7, Karon Smith 0 2-2 2, Kenyon Boyd 1 1-2 4, Michael Dancer 5 3-4 13, Isaiah Reinhardt 5 0-1 11, Brenden Jacobs 1 0-0 2, Amir Hall 5 3-5 13, Shawn Dryer 2 0-1 4. Totals: 26 14-21 70.

Allegan	**17**	**9**	**16**	**10**	**—**	**52**
Coloma	**16**	**18**	**12**	**24**	**—**	**70**

3-point goals – Allegan 3 (Dangremond 2), Coloma 4 (Ickes 2, Boyd, Reinhardt). Total fouls – Allegan 24, Coloma 20. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Dancer (C) 12. Assists – Dancer (C) 5.
Records – Coloma 13-8, Allegan 2-19.

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BEAVERS

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this season, but our records are very similar, so we can expect a close game," added Rusher.

District favorite River Valley (17-3) takes on Michigan Lutheran (7-13) in Wednesday's 7 p.m. game.

Catholic battled Eau Claire tooth-and-nail until fouls and turnovers proved costly down the stretch.

Eau Claire made 6 of 10 free throws in the decisive fourth but converted only 18 of 36 charity tosses on the night. Catholic was just 4 of 9 from the line as it committed 10 more fouls.

"We're a Jekyll-and-Hyde team when it comes to free throws," Rusher said. "Some games we hit them, some we don't. Tonight we just made enough to keep them at bay."

Eau Claire's only senior, Marquis Hackney, led his team with 20 points and eight rebounds. Eau Claire has seven freshmen on its roster and five of them combined for 29 points, including 11 by Damarion Travis, who also grabbed seven caroms. The Beavers held a 34-28 edge on the boards and committed 15 fewer turnovers.

Eau Claire shot 42.5 percent (17 of 40) from the floor, compared to Catholic's 33 percent (15 of 45).

The Lakers had two players in double figures as senior Jacob Koenig netted 12 points and junior center Jake Juzwiak tallied 11 and pulled down eight rebounds.

"We're a young team, too, and only started two seniors (Koenig and Max Allen) this season," noted Beckmann. "But with Niles and South Haven joining the BCS, our league just got a lot tougher."

EAU CLAIRE 54, L.M.CATHOLIC 41

EAU CLAIRE (54)
Donovan Frazier 1 0-0 2, Daquawn Evans 1 1-2 3, Landon Baskin 1 0-0 2, Damarion Travis 3 4-6 11, Marquis Hackney 5 8-14 20, Karmelo Taylor 2 2-4 6, Terrance Murphy 1 2-8 4, Deshun Holmes 3 0-0 6, Jermarion Brown 0 1-2 1. Totals: 17 18-36 54.
LM CATHOLIC (41)
Charles Lasata2 0-0 4, Jake Jozwiak 3 0-0 6, Matt Rochefort 4 0-0 11, Jake Koenig 3 3-6 12, Max Allen 1 0-1 3, Jonathon Jollay 2 1-2 5. Totals: 15 4-9 41.

Eau Claire	**9**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**– 54**
L.M.Catholic	**10**	**11**	**10**	**10**	**– 41**

3-point baskets – EC 3 (Hackney 2, Travis); LMC 7 (Rothefort 3, Koenig 3, Allen). Total fouls – EC 15, LMC 25. Fouled out – Travis (EC), Jozwiak (LMC). Technicals – Travis (EC), Rothefort (LMC). Rebounds – EC 34, LMC 28. Turnovers – EC 17, LMC 32.
Records – Eau Claire 12-9, L.M. Catholic 2-17.

Garza picked Big Ten Player of Year, Gard gets coach honors

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Iowa center Luka Garza is the Big Ten Player of the Year after emerging as one of the nation's best players this season, while Wisconsin's Greg Gard took Coach of the Year honors in voting announced Monday.

Garza leads the Big Ten in scoring and ranks fifth in the nation at 23.9 points per game and is averaging 9.8 rebounds. The 6-foot-11 junior averaged 13.1 points and 4.5 rebounds last season.

Garza has 16 consecutive games with 20 or more points, helping the Hawkeyes go 20-11 overall and 11-9 in Big Ten play to earn the fifth seed in the conference tournament that starts Wednesday in Indianapolis. He scored a career-high 44 in a loss at Michigan on Dec. 6.

Garza, Maryland's Jalen Smith, Michigan State's Cassius Winston and Penn State's Lamar Stevens were first-team, all-conference picks by both the media and coaches. Illinois' Ayo Dosunmu was chosen by the media, and Maryland's Anthony Cowan Jr. was selected by the coaches.

Gard led Wisconsin to a share of the Big Ten regular-season championship, along with Maryland and Michigan State. The Badgers enter the conference tournament with eight consecutive wins and a 21-10 record – going 14-6 in league play. But it hasn't been easy.

Assistant coach Howard Moore suffered third-degree burns in a car accident in May that resulted in the deaths of his wife and their 9-year-old daughter. Moore went into cardiac arrest in July and has not returned to work.

In late January, second-leading scorer Kobe King announced he was transferring from Wisconsin.

Michigan State's Xavier Tillman was selected Defensive Player of the Year. Maryland's Aaron Wiggins took Sixth Man of the Year honors, and Illinois' Kofi Cockburn was chosen Freshman of the Year.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

WILDLIFE SENIORS – Ezell Tillman 715 (268), Paul Koth 708, Gene Rose 674, Randy Newboles 664, Craig Robards 660, Sally Loikits 570, Jodi Smith 565, Connie Koth 548 (236), Sharon Paul 517.

SUNDAY MILLER LITE MIXED – Justin Wade 643, Dave Ellis 599, Barb Berry 577 (212), Ken Berry Jr. 567, Tami Rath 567 (239), Mike Himes 559, Doug Workinger 556.

FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Aaron Collins 632 (244), Rob Retz 628 (237), Nate Schuman 617 (223), Rick Lambrete 624 (259), Michele Briney 509 (211), Kristine Mahler 507 (187). Team scores: Strokers 2295 (848), Fro Pro's 2183 (776).

LAKESHORE LASSIES – Nicki Brose 686 (245), Tricia Morris 665 (248), Alanna Swetay 613 (216), Brandy Antonowitsch 571, Karyn Fricke 561 (207), Di Evans 537 (203), Sheryl Dickenson 527, Desi Williams 522, Sue Coop 520, Linda Dockham 515, Melane Mangold 504. Team score: Livingston-Brose 1082, Geisler-Evans (391).

AREA SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Mar. 10
Girls basketball regionals
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Michigan Lutheran vs. Fruitport Calvary Christian, 7
Division 3 at Schoolcraft
Brandywine vs. Kal. Hackett, 5:30
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Boys basketball
District semifinals
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at St. Joseph
Lakeshore vs. Mattawan, 5
Kalamazoo Central vs. St. Joseph, 7
Division 2
at Holland Christian
Benton Harbor vs. Hamilton, 5
Coloma vs. South Haven, 7
at Edwardsburg
Dowagiac vs. Berrien Springs, 7:15
Niles vs. Buchanan, 5:30
Division 3
at Bloomingdale
Bloomingdale vs. Decatur, 5:30
at Bridgman
Cassopolis vs. Countryside, 7:30
Watervliet vs. Brandywine, 6
Division 4
at Lake Michigan Catholic
Eau Claire vs. New Buffalo, 5:30
Michigan Lutheran vs. River Valley, 7
at Martin
Holland Calvary vs. Lawrence, 7

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Boys district scores

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District 2
Midland Dow 58, Bay City Western 45

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Saginaw 70, Flushing 55

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Clarkston 64, Rochester Adams 30
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Rockford 58, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 54

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Wyoming 93, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 49

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Ypsilanti Lincoln 80, Ann Arbor Pioneer 60

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Flat Rock 82, Monroe Jefferson 65

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Dearborn Divine Child 66, Detroit Cesar Chavez 15
Dearborn Heights Robichaud 76, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 74

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Detroit Old Redford def. Detroit Comm & Media Arts, forfeit

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Harper Woods 63, Detroit East English 44

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Madison Heights Lamphere 70, Clawson 53

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Macomb Lutheran North 54, New Haven 46
Richmond 72, Algonac 28

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Armada 46, Almont 37
Croswell-Lexington 60, Marysville 49

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Ironwood City Gogebic Michigan 68, Hancock 44

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Munising 49, Bark River-Harris 40
Negaunee 65, Manistique 45

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East Jordan 55, Indian River-Inland Lakes 48

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Rogers City 53, Lincoln-Alcona 50

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Evart 63, Hart 59, OT
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Gaylord St. Mary 68, Boyne Falls 18

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Camden-Frontier 69, Litchfield 54
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District 128
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Mar. 8, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kansas (65)	28-3	1625	1
2. Gonzaga	29-2	1546	2
3. Dayton	29-2	1507	3
4. Florida St.	26-5	1384	7
5. Baylor	26-4	1322	4
6. San Diego St.	30-2	1261	5
7. Creighton	24-7	1157	11
8. Kentucky	25-6	1118	6
9. Michigan St.	22-9	995	16
10. Duke	25-6	990	12
11. Villanova	24-7	989	14
12. Maryland	24-7	912	9
13. Oregon	24-7	904	13
14. BYU	24-7	762	15
15. Louisville	24-7	755	10
16. Seton Hall	21-9	722	8
17. Virginia	23-7	560	22
18. Wisconsin	21-10	495	24
19. Ohio St.	21-10	443	19
20. Auburn	25-6	436	17
21. Illinois	21-10	241	23
22. Houston	23-8	167	21
22. West Virginia	21-10	167	-
24. Butler	22-9	161	-
25. Iowa	20-11	111	18

Others receiving votes: Stephen F Austin 75, Providence 66, ETSU 59, Michigan 53, Penn St. 42, Utah St. 40, Saint Mary's (Cal) 9, Arizona 7, Liberty 6, Southern Cal 6, Richmond 5, N Iowa 4, UCLA 4, New Mexico St. 4, Rutgers 4, Texas Tech 3, Vermont 2, LSU 2, Purdue 1, Belmont 1, Mississippi St. 1, Florida 1.

Women's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Mar. 8, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (27)	32-1	747	1
2. Oregon (3)	31-2	723	3
3. Baylor	28-2	668	2
4. Maryland	28-4	656	6
5. UConn	28-3	647	5
6. Louisville	28-4	588	4
7. Stanford	27-6	558	7
8. NC State	28-4	543	10
9. Mississippi St.	27-6	502	9
10. UCLA	26-5	488	8
11. Gonzaga	28-2	452	12
12. Northwestern	26-4	384	11
13. Arizona	24-7	374	13
14. Oregon St.	23-9	312	14
15. DePaul	27-5	283	18
16. Kentucky	22-8	276	16
17. South Dakota	28-2	253	17
18. Florida St.	24-8	241	22
19. Texas A&M	22-8	239	15
20. Indiana	24-8	185	20
21. Iowa	23-7	172	19
22. Princeton	26-1	165	21
23. Missouri St.	26-4	120	23
24. Arkansas	24-8	99	25
25. Arizona St.	20-11	29	24

Others receiving votes: TCU 11, Ohio St. 10, Marquette 7, Boston College 6, Florida Gulf Coast 3, Rutgers 3, Iowa St. 2, Duke 2, Cent Michigan 1, Boise St. 1.

Conference Tournaments

Atlantic Coast Conference
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
First Round
Tuesday, March 10
Wake Forest vs. Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.
Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina, 7 p.m.
Second Round
Wednesday, March 11
Clemson vs. Miami, Noon
NC State vs. Wake Forest-Pittsburgh winner, 2 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Boston College, 7 p.m.
Syracuse vs. Virginia Tech-North Carolina winner, 9 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 12
Florida State vs. Clemson-Miami winner, 12:30 p.m.
Duke vs. NC State—Wake Forest-Pittsburgh winner, 2:30 p.m.
Virginia vs. Notre Dame-Boston College winner, 7 p.m.
Louisville vs. Syracuse—Virginia Tech-North Carolina winner, 9 p.m.

Big Ten Conference
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
First Round
Wednesday, March 11
Minnesota vs. Northwestern, 6 p.m.
Indiana vs. Nebraska, 8:30 p.m.
Second Round
Thursday, March 12
Rutgers vs. Michigan, Noon
Iowa vs. Minnesota-Northwestern winner, 2:25 p.m.
Ohio State vs. Purdue, 6:30 p.m.
Penn State vs. Indiana-Nebraska winner, 8:55 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Friday, March 13
Wisconsin vs. Rutgers-Michigan winner, Noon p.m.
Illinois vs. Iowa—Minnesota-Northwestern winner, 2:25 p.m.
Michigan State vs. Ohio State-Purdue winner, 6:30 p.m.
Maryland vs. Penn State—Indiana-Nebraska winner, 8:55 p.m.

Mid-American Conference
First Round
Monday, March 9
Central Michigan at Ohio, 7 p.m.
Western Michigan at Toledo, 7 p.m.
Eastern Michigan at Kent State, 7 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
At Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, Cleveland
Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 12
Akron vs. Ohio-Central Michigan winner, Noon
Northern Illinois vs. Buffalo-Miami winner, TBA.
Bowling Green vs. Toledo-Western Michigan winner, 6:30 p.m.
Ball State vs. Kent State-Eastern Michigan winner, TBA

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	42	21	.667	3½
Phila.	38	26	.594	8
Brooklyn	29	34	.460	16½
New York	20	44	.313	26

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	23	.641	—
Orlando	29	35	.453	12
Washington	23	40	.365	17½
Charlotte	22	42	.344	19
Atlanta	20	46	.303	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	25	.609	13½
Chicago	21	43	.328	31½
Detroit	20	45	.308	33
Cleveland	19	45	.297	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	39	24	.619	—
Dallas	39	26	.600	1
Memphis	32	32	.500	7½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	11½
San Antonio	26	36	.419	12½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	43	21	.672	—
Utah	41	23	.641	2
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	3
Portland	28	37	.431	15½
Minnesota	19	44	.302	23½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	49	13	.790	—
L.A. Clippers	43	20	.683	6½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	22
Phoenix	26	38	.406	24
Golden State	15	49	.234	35

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games
Brooklyn 110, Chicago 107
New Orleans 120, Minnesota 107
L.A. Lakers 112, L.A. Clippers 103
Phoenix 140, Milwaukee 131
Oklahoma City 105, Boston 104
Orlando 126, Houston 106
Indiana 112, Dallas 109
Miami 100, Washington 89
New York 96, Detroit 84
Cleveland 132, San Antonio 129, OT
Toronto 118, Sacramento 113
Monday's Games
Atlanta 143, Charlotte 138, 2OT
Denver 109, Milwaukee 95
Toronto 101, Utah 92
Today's Games
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Detroit at Phila., 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

Sunday's Games
Carolina 6, Pittsburgh 2
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 4, SO
Vegas 5, Calgary 3
St. Louis 2, Chicago 0
Minnesota 5, Anaheim 4, OT
Columbus 2, Vancouver 1
Colorado 4, San Jose 3
Monday's Games
Buffalo 3, Washington 2, SO
Florida 2, St. Louis 1
Winnipeg 4, Arizona 2
Vegas 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Colorado at Los Angeles
Tuesday's Games
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Ottawa at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
San Jose at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

High school scoreboard

By HP STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Division 3 district at Bloomingdale

Bloomingdale 64, Hartford 61

Bloomingdale edged Hartford in the first round of D3 district play Monday at Bloomingdale. The Cardinals (16-5) advance to face Decatur (5-15) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the semifinal. Hartford's season ends at 10-11.

Complete results unavailable.

Gobles 72, Bangor 48

The Vikings found tough sledding against the Tigers Monday in the opening round of D3 districts at Bloomingdale. Gobles (13-8) will face Lawton (8-12) Wednesday in the semifinal. Bangor finishes the season with a 0-20 record.

Complete results unavailable.

Division 2 district at Edwardsburg

Dowagiac 59, Edwardsburg 49

Dowagiac bested Edwardsburg in the opening round of D2 district play Monday at Edwardsburg. The Chieftains (15-6) move on to face Berrien Springs (7-13) Wednesday in the semifinal. Edwardsburg finishes with a 12-9 record.

Complete results unavailable.

NBA, MLB, NHL, MLS closing locker rooms amid virus scare

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — The NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer are closing access to locker rooms and clubhouses to all nonessential personnel, including media, in response to the coronavirus crisis, the leagues announced in a joint statement Monday night.

They said they made the decision "after consultation with infectious disease and public health experts." The NBA, in a call with teams earlier Monday, stressed that the move is not to ban reporters but to ensure the safety of players and staff in those areas.

The statement, in part, read: "Given the issues that can be associated with close contact in pre- and post-game settings, all team locker rooms and clubhouses will be open only to players and essential employees of teams and team facilities until further notice. Media access will be maintained in designated locations outside of the locker room and clubhouse setting."

The changes, which the leagues say are temporary, will begin Tuesday – though some NHL teams began putting them into use this past weekend and the Buffalo Sabres did the same on Monday night. The NBA said interviews with players would continue in different settings, stressing a gap of 6-to-8 feet between reporters and interview subjects.

"I don't know that we have our arms around how significant of an issue this is at this point, so if the league is recommending or their policy is we want to take step by step type precautions, then we want to go along with that," Texas Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said.

It is unclear how long the new policies will last.

"No disrespect, but that's the last thing I'm worried about," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said prior to Denver's NBA game against Milwaukee on Monday night.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

The vast majority of people recover from the new virus. According to the World Health Organization, people with mild illness recover in about two weeks, while those with more severe illness may take three to six weeks to recover. In mainland China, where the virus first exploded, more than 80,000 people have been diagnosed and more than 58,000 have so far recovered.

"Roses are red, Violets are blue, Wash your hands! WASH YOUR HANDS!" Enes Kanter of the Boston Celtics wrote on Twitter.

Meanwhile, there is already a clear sense of the new normal in the U.S.

The Miami Heat held their annual gala at a theater in Miami Beach on Monday night, albeit a bit differently than usual. The team's three NBA championship trophies were near the entrance – with someone standing by with a bottle of hand sanitizer. And guests, when they arrived, were offered champagne by some attendants, more hand sanitizer by others.

"Until the league says something else, we are business as usual with a tremendous amount of caution and prevention to make sure everybody's safe," Heat President Pat Riley said Monday night. "But also, educating them that they've got to do the same thing."

The NBA held a call with team medical staffs later Monday night and scheduled a Wednesday call between league officials and team owners to discuss next steps. The NBA told teams last week to prepare for the possibility of playing games in empty arenas, something the game's biggest star – Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James – insists he does not want to see.

"I doubt that that's going to happen," Riley said. "But you have to be prepared."

MLB officials, like the NBA, held a conference call with all 30 of its franchises on Monday to discuss the new policies. All four leagues – and the NFL, which has been involved in the talks but isn't part of this policy since no teams are currently holding practices – are collecting information from the CDC and Canadian health officials, even as the situation changes almost on an hour-by-hour basis.

BEETLE BAILEY

DON'T START !!
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START WHAT? I JUST WALKED IN
THERE YOU GO AGAIN!
GREG + MORT WALKER
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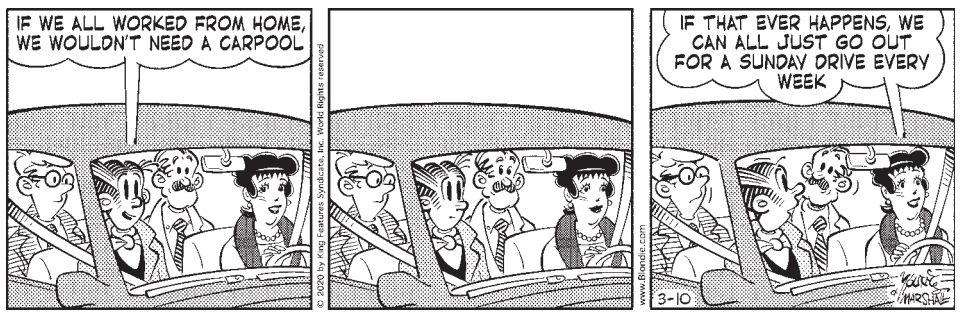
IF WE ALL WORKED FROM HOME, WE WOULDN'T NEED A CARPOOL
IF THAT EVER HAPPENS, WE CAN ALL JUST GO OUT FOR A SUNDAY DRIVE EVERY WEEK
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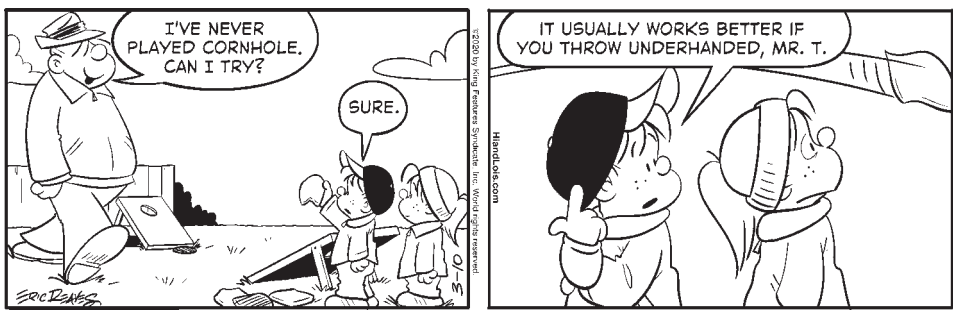
HI & LOIS


I'VE NEVER PLAYED CORNHOLE. CAN I TRY?
SURE.
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ERIC REASE
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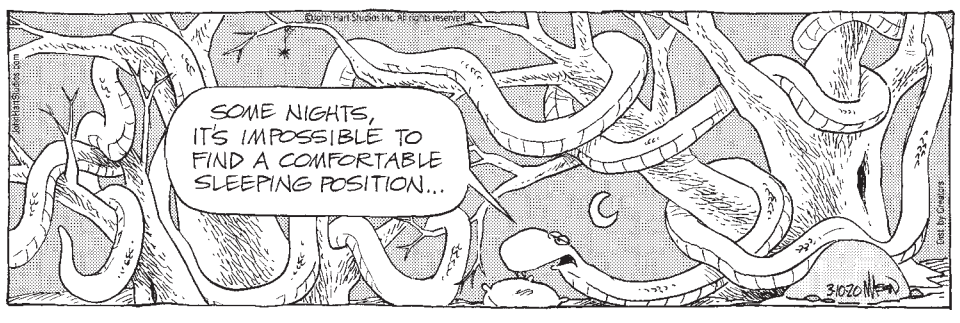
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SOME NIGHTS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A COMFORTABLE SLEEPING POSITION...
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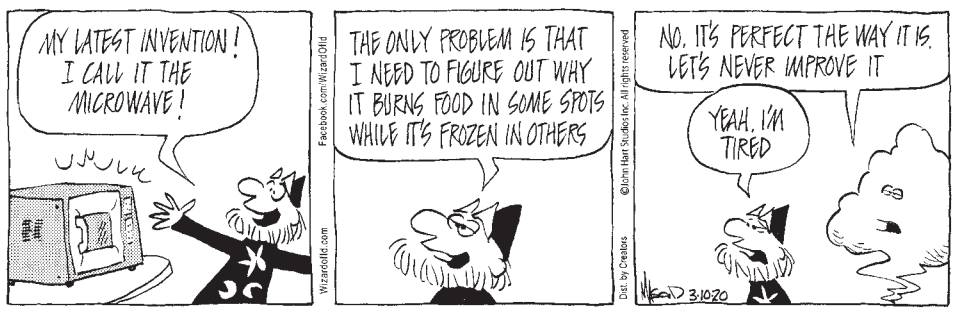
MY LATEST INVENTION! I CALL IT THE MICROWAVE!
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHY IT BURNS FOOD IN SOME SPOTS WHILE IT'S FROZEN IN OTHERS
NO. IT'S PERFECT THE WAY IT IS. LET'S NEVER IMPROVE IT
YEAH. I'M TIRED
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DILBERT

THEY SAY YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR MONEY WITH YOU WHEN YOU DIE.
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BUT DOES THAT INCLUDE BITCOIN? BECAUSE EVEN A GHOST CAN REMEMBER A PASSWORD.
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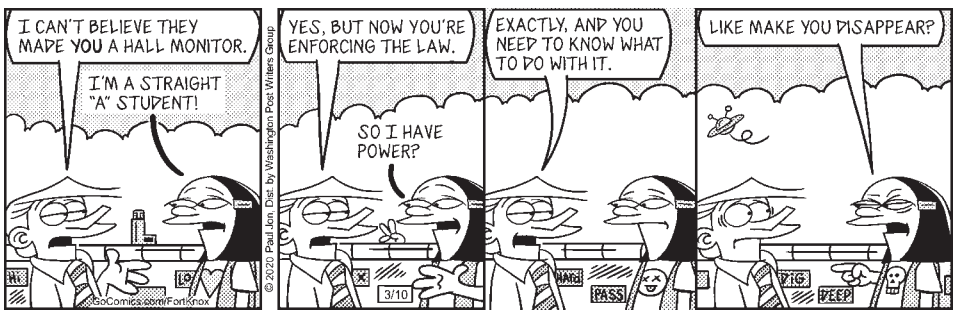
WHY WOULD A GHOST NEED MONEY?
HAVE YOU NEVER NOTICED THEY ALL WEAR CLOTHES?

GARFIELD

FORT KNOX


I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY MADE YOU A HALL MONITOR.
I'M A STRAIGHT "A" STUDENT!
YES, BUT NOW YOU'RE ENFORCING THE LAW.
SO I HAVE POWER?
EXACTLY, AND YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT.
LIKE MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR?
HI LO
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BANG PASS
PIG PEEP
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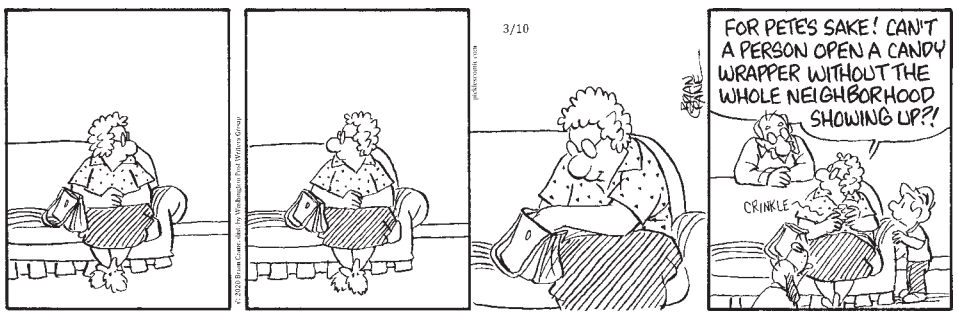
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FOR PETE'S SAKE! CAN'T A PERSON OPEN A CANDY WRAPPER WITHOUT THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD SHOWING UP?!
CRINKLE
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FAMILY CIRCUS

THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
I'm lost! Which way do I go? If only Billy was here to show me the way!
Watch Out for Wolves
Beware of Red Riding Hood
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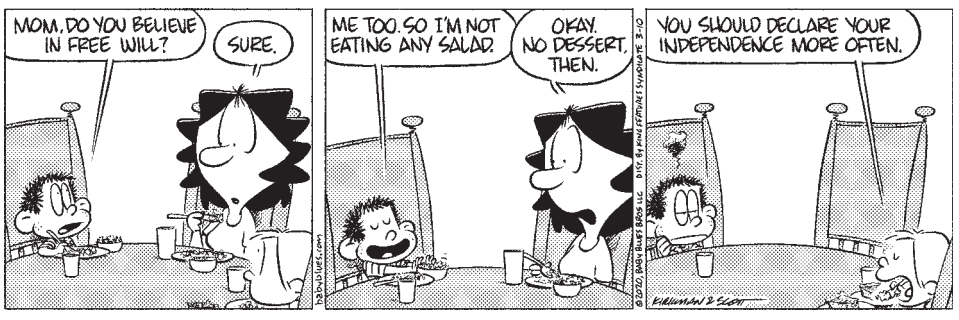
Billy (age 7)

Little Billy offers another cartoon to explain Daddy's delay in returning from an out-of-town trip.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I KNOW HE'S UP TO SOMETHING, BECAUSE HE'S *ALWAYS* UP TO SOMETHING."

BABY BLUES


MOM, DO YOU BELIEVE IN FREE WILL?
SURE.
ME TOO. SO I'M NOT EATING ANY SALAD.
OKAY. NO DESSERT, THEN.
YOU SHOULD DECLARE YOUR INDEPENDENCE MORE OFTEN.
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CURTIS

I ADMIRE YOUR CONFIDENCE, HEART-THROB!...
IN CLASS YOU'RE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO RAISE YOUR HAND TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION
3-10
EVEN THOUGH YOU GET HALF OF THEM WRONG
YEAH, BUT I GET HALF OF THEM RIGHT!
IT'S BETTER TO TRY AND FAIL THAN NOT TO TRY AT ALL!
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ZITS

I'M THINKING ABOUT APPLYING FOR THIS STUDENT CREDIT CARD.
WHAT?? NO!
YOU'LL JUST BUY WHATEVER YOU WANT, AND I'LL HAVE TO BAIL YOU OUT!
3-10
OH, SO YOU'VE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS TOO?
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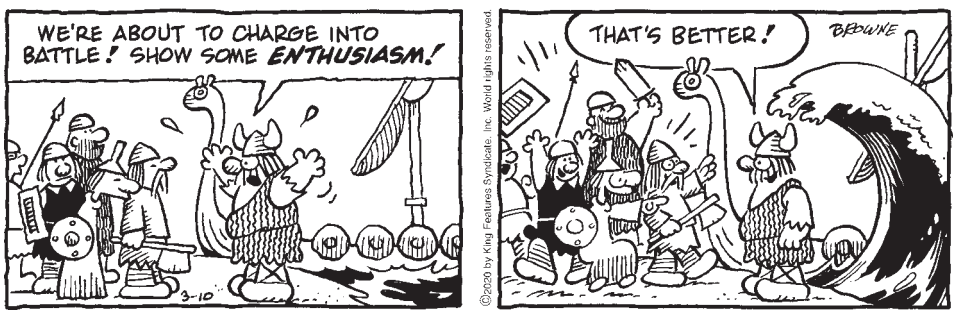
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


WE'RE ABOUT TO CHARGE INTO BATTLE! SHOW SOME ENTHUSIASM!
3-10
THAT'S BETTER!
BROWNE
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

REALLY, GRIMM? I NEVER KNEW THAT.
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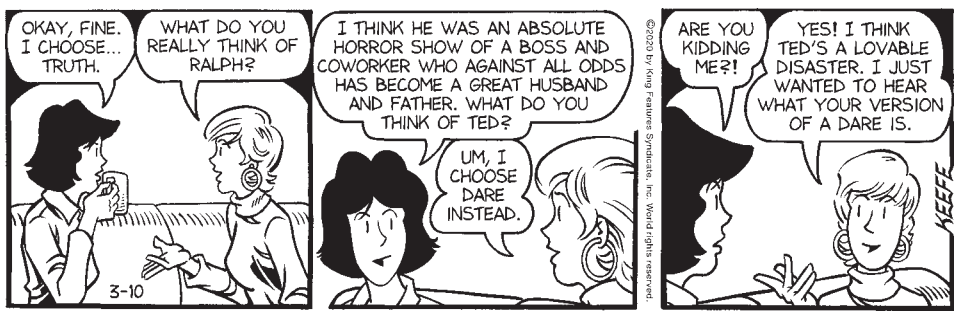
SO EVERY TIME I OPEN UP A CAN OF DOG FOOD AN ANGEL GETS ITS WINGS?
YEAH YEAH

MUTTS

SALLY FORTH


OKAY, FINE. I CHOOSE... TRUTH.
WHAT DO YOU REALLY THINK OF RALPH?
3-10
I THINK HE WAS AN ABSOLUTE HORROR SHOW OF A BOSS AND COWORKER WHO AGAINST ALL ODDS HAS BECOME A GREAT HUSBAND AND FATHER. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TED?
UM, I CHOOSE DARE INSTEAD.
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ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
YES! I THINK TED'S A LOVABLE DISASTER. I JUST WANTED TO HEAR WHAT YOUR VERSION OF A DARE IS.
KEEFE

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING MAR. 10

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor "(F) Part 2" Peter and the women discuss the journey. CC				:01 For Life "Marie" (N) CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS A Navy officer is murdered. (N)		FBI Maggie faces a life-altering decision.		FBI: Most Wanted "Ghosts" (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		This Is Us (N) CC (DVS)		:01 New Amsterdam "Perspectives" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	The Resident "Doll E. Wood" (N)		Empire "Talk Less" (N) CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Soul Legends Music from the 1960s-1980s. CC				Chuck Berry: Brown-Eyed Handsome	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The Flash "Death of the Speed Force" (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Never Forget I Love You"		Chicago P.D. Antonio crosses a line.		Chicago P.D. Ruzek risks his career.	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The Flash "Death of the Speed Force" (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Ties of the Earth"		Highway to Heaven "Choices" CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Predator" CC		The First 48: My First Homicide (N)		:02 The First 48: My First Homicide (N)	
AMC	6:00 Taken	★★ Road House ('89) Patrick Swayze. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill. CC					Under Siege
Animal	Peterson	Coyote P	Coyote P	To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
BET	★★ Madea's Family Reunion			★ A Madea Christmas ('13) CC			
Big Ten	B1G	BTN Wrestling in 60		B1G	B1G	B1G	BTN in 60
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules CC		Vanderpump Rules "Jax's Last Hurrah"		Watch What	Family Karma
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	6:15 The Crew	★★ Tag ('18, Comedy) Ed Helms, Jon Hamm. CC			:45 ★★ Bad Times at the El Royale ('18) Jeff Bridges. CC		
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	Choice	America's Choice 2020: Super Tuesday (N) (L) CC					
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N) CC		Moonshiners "New Bootlegger in Town" Mike confronts Daniel. (N) CC			
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Rehab	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	6:30 21 Jump Street ('12)			★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12) CC			
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	College Football From Nov. 10, 2007.				College Football	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Chopped Sweets	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Detroit Red Wings.					Red Wings Live (N)	
Freefrm	Pirates of the Caribbean	★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. CC					
FX	5:30 Deadpool	★★★ Spider-Man: Homecoming ('17, Action) Tom Holland. Peter Parker harnesses his new powers to battle the Vulture. CC					
Golf	:00 Live From THE PLAYERS (N)			Live From THE PLAYERS CC			
Hallmark	Forever in My Heart	Just Add Romance ('19, Romance) Meghann Fahy, Luke MacFarlane. CC				Rome in Love ('19) Italia Ricci. CC	
HBO	5:55 ★★ Pearl Harbor ('01, War) Ben Affleck. CC			Women of Troy (N) CC		Shop: Unintrp.	The Outsider
History	Oak Is	Digging Deeper		Curse-Island		Project Blue Book	
HGTV	Love-List	Love It or List It (N)		Unsella	Unsella	One/Kind	One/Kind
Learning	Fabulous	Fat Fabulous		I Am Jazz (N)		Sister Wives	
Lifetime	★★ The Shack	★★ A Walk to Remember ('02, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore. CC				:03 ★★ Heaven Is for Real	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Siesta Key (N) CC		:01 Siesta Key (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls.					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	Super Bowl Classics CC					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends CC	
NGEO	Port Prot.	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Extreme Rescues (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Climbing Into Bed" CC		Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. CC	
Parmt	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Ink Master (N) CC	
Showtime	6:50 ★★★ Serpico ('73) Al Pacino, John Randolph. CC			Homeland Carrie chases answers.		★★ The Best of Enemies ('19) CC	
Starz	:23 ★★ Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde ('03) CC			Outlander Roger leads Jamie's militia.		9:59 ★★ The Butterfly Effect ('04)	
STZENC	6:53 ★★★ Duplicity ('09) Julia Roberts, Clive Owen. CC			★★★ Adventureland ('09) Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Martin Starr. CC			
SyFy	:05 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. CC (DVS)						Harry Potter
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Miracle Workers
TCM	Monterey Pop ('69)	★★ It's Love Again ('36) Jessie Matthews. (P).			All Girl Revue	★★ Three Little Girls in Blue ('46)	
TMC	Flashdance	★★ Girl, Interrupted ('99, Drama) Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie. CC				:10 ★★★ Wildlife ('18) CC	
TNT	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs					Basket
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) CC				Portals to Hell (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	The Biggest Loser (N) CC (DVS)		The Biggest Loser "Going Solo" (N)		:01 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 ★★ The Fast and the Furious ('01) Vin Diesel. CC			★★ 2 Fast 2 Furious ('03, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese, Eva Mendes. CC			

Clash over money threatens to undermine reconciliation

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Cynthia," and I are a middle-aged couple who have been married four years. Shortly after our wedding, she suffered a stroke during a heart transplant. After she returned home from the hospital, a "friend" told her I was having an affair (I wasn't). Without telling me why, Cynthia threw me out of the house and returned to a distant state to be near her family. She had most of her belongings shipped there.

After I presented proof of my innocence a year later, we reconciled. The first couple of years of marriage were chaotic, and I know I wasn't perfect. But I did the best I could and stood by her throughout the medical ordeal.

Now, Cynthia is saying I should have to pay to have her items shipped back simply because I'm "the man." Abby, we have roughly the same income due to pensions. We have always kept our finances separate. I think she should pay to have her own items returned because she is the one who shipped them over there based on a lie. The money itself isn't the issue; it's the principle. I feel like this is a slap in the face. What do you think? – Mr. Nice Guy

DEAR MR. NICE GUY: You shouldn't have to pay for anything "because you're the man." You didn't cheat, and you aren't responsible for the fact that Cynthia overreacted and ran away the way she did.

You say that until now you have kept your finances separate because you each have your own incomes. My advice is to refuse to be manipulated. Your wife should pay to have her belongings returned, just as she paid to have them sent away without verifying whether the story was true.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a child, my dad told me, "If it weren't for you kids, there are so many things your mother and I could have." What I remember most was the intensity in his voice.

When I was old enough to work, I had a job after school so I could pay for my own clothes although my family wasn't poor. My father repeatedly let me know I was "lucky" I didn't get taken out of school to help support the family. When I graduated from high school at 17, I immediately went to work, and I paid for my board.

I married at 18 to get out of the house and paid for my own wedding. It never even occurred to me to ask for help. When I ended up divorced, I worked my way through college. When I graduated, my mother had to make my father go to my graduation because he didn't want to.

I have never been able to shake the feeling that I don't have a right to anything, and I'm not good enough. My other siblings are a mess, too. How do I shake this feeling of not being worthy? – Worthless In Florida

DEAR WORTHLESS: Children develop their feelings of self-worth from their parents. It appears at least one of yours was missing in action from the time you were little.

I don't have a magic wand, and I can't make the negative message your father implanted in your head disappear. On the upside, your upbringing made you independent, if only out of necessity. It may take help from a licensed mental health professional to make the scars from the way your father raised you fade.

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New boyfriend annoys me on purpose for fun

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

HI, CAROLYN: I've been on a few dates with "Jack." I like him and am trying to give our connection a chance; I am notorious for writing people off for minor reasons and then regretting it. But he's done a weird thing a couple of times now in just two weeks of dating. He will say or do something weird or annoying – like pretend he has to cancel a date five minutes before we're supposed to meet – only to then say, "Just kidding! I just wanted to see how you'd react." Eye roll. I think this is just his sense of humor and that he doesn't actually think I'm a lab rat, but it's annoying and I honestly just don't have time to be tested that way. Would it be too much to say something? Or is this a dealbreaker, meaning I should just give up on this anyway? – Dealbreaker?

DEALBREAKER?: Once you've decided something is a dealbreaker, you have nothing to lose by saying, "This is annoying and I just don't have time to be tested that way." So you might as well.

Or not – you can also just stop seeing him, because that's your prerogative.

Plus this kind of "just testing" BS is manipulative no matter how you spin it, because he is quite literally doing stuff just to create a reaction in you.

And now for the advice you didn't ask for. I see why you're trying to be more patient with people in light of your track record, but forcing yourself to stay with someone against your impulses to leave does not sound like a way to accomplish what you hope (unless your hope is to go on many dates with people you don't want to date).

Instead, I suggest you focus on *why* you tend to give up on people quickly, and why you tend to regret it, which actually may help you start to understand why you choose the people you do.

That's not about them, and not about bearing down against your flight instinct – that's about your emotional wiring and what it's trying to tell you. A good therapist can help you with any translations.

RE: Dealbreaker: He's annoying you intentionally to get a reaction out of you? This wouldn't just be a dealbreaker for me, it would be a red flag. – Anonymous

Anonymous: Rightly so.

DEAR CAROLYN: My adult daughter virtually never contacts me. When I initiated our contact in the past, I was deemed "needy." So instead I wait weeks to get any contact. How do I find the happy medium? – "Needy"

"NEEDY": I'm sorry. That's a nasty label for her to slap on you.

Pick a schedule and call on that schedule. Every other week, since she's keeping you at some distance? Or once a week, and say so: "Just my weekly check-in. How's it going?"

And when you call, *never complain that you're always the one to call*. Nothing ensures that people won't call you like wasting all of your interactions pressuring them to call you. It's incredible how much this happens.

Be judicious, be pleasant, call again in x weeks.

No doubt there's a bigger problem here, but it's okay to start with the smaller problem of staying respectfully in touch.

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5 Wild guess
9 Visitor from Melmac
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44 Canine warning
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56 Oz pooch
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58 Hundreds of mins.
59 Basic unit
60 Deli serving

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6 Become liquid
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8 Paid off
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10 Montez or Falana
11 Unser rival
17 Frozen rain
19 Hotel name
22 Pedestal
23 Southeast Asian
24 Patrick's domain
25 Paton or Thicke
26 Stir-fry pans
27 Wealthy, to Pablo
28 Rudely ignore
31 Six to an inning
33 Golf peg
35 Pub brew
37 Indian woman's wrap
40 Bungalow
42 Breezes
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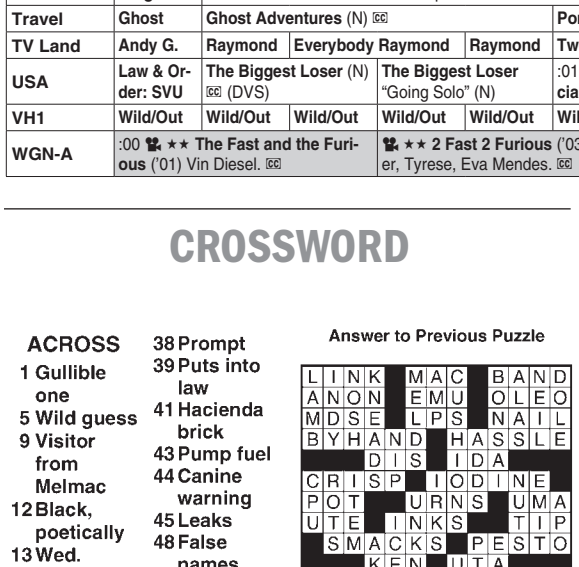

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JUMBLE

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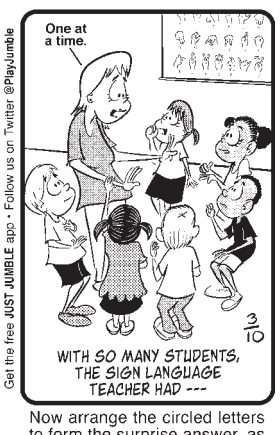

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: THINK GUAVA INSIST PANTRY
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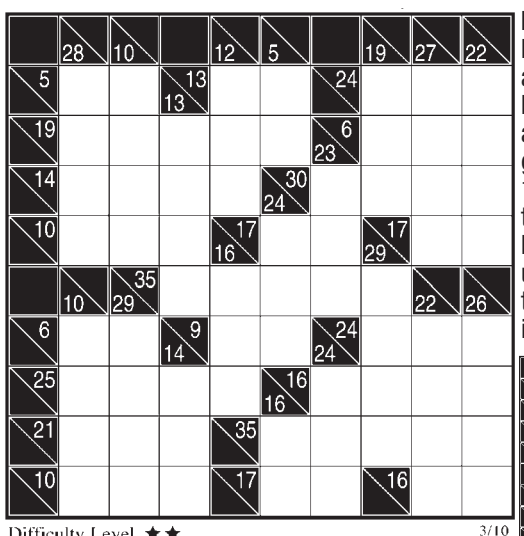
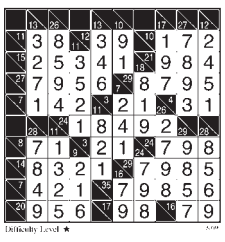


Difficulty Level ★★ 3/10

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

All games go through a life. The early participants are like children, trying to work out the complexities, but starting from a limited database.

Some of the fledgling bridge players had ideas that were not accepted at the time, only later. S. Garton Churchill, who died in 1992 at the age of 92, comes to mind. Known to his friends as Church, he learned auction bridge in 1916, before progressing to contract in 1928. Many of his proposed bidding methods were ridiculed at the time, but have since been adopted.

Church was proud of today's deal, which he played in 1960 in partnership with Cecil Head, the founder of the sporting goods company. They won the 1948 Life Master Pairs national title with a record average of 65.5 percent over the four sessions.

Head (North) reversed on the second round because of his excellent diamond fit. Three clubs was fourth-suit forcing, marking time. Four diamonds was their "picture bid," promising four-card support, usually with two honors. Knowing his partner had at most one club, Church immediately jumped to seven diamonds. Real bridge players don't need Blackwood! They had reached the excellent grand slam with only 25 combined high-card points.

The play was a simple matter of technique. Church won the spade lead with dummy's ace, played a diamond to his ace, cashed dummy's two high hearts and ruffed a heart high in hand. He took the club ace, ruffed a club and trumped another heart high. A second club ruff was followed by the diamond king and, finally, dummy's established heart nine, upon which declarer threw his spade loser.

North 03-10-20
♠ A 9 3
♥ A K 9 5 4
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ 5

West
♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ J 6
♦ 4
♣ K 8 7 6 3 2

East
♠ K J 8 6
♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ 5 2
♣ Q J 10

South
♠ 7 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q J 10 7 3
♣ A 9 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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1				4	8	2		6
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	8	9	6				2	
7		1	3	2				8
	6			8				9

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	8	7	3	1	6	9	2	4
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7	1	3	8	6	4	5	9	2
8	5	6	1	9	2	7	4	3
4	2	9	7	5	3	1	6	8

Mulugeta Ayene / AP

Wreckage is piled at the crash scene of Ethiopian Airlines flight ET302 near Bishoftu, Ethiopia on March 11, 2019. The year since the crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 Max has been a journey through grief, anger and determination for the families of those who died, as well as having far-reaching consequences for the aeronautics industry as it brought about the grounding of all Boeing 737 Max 8 and 9 jets, which remain out of service.

Report: Pilots restarted software, causing fatal nosedive

By DAVID KOENIG and TOM KRISHER
AP Business Writers

Ethiopian investigators are mostly blaming Boeing for last year's crash of a Ethiopian Airlines jet shortly after takeoff, saying in an interim report Monday that there were design failures in the jet and inadequate training for pilots.

The update from Ethiopian investigators – timed to beat the anniversary of the crash on March 10, 2019 – pointed to the role played by a new flight-control system that Boeing installed on the 737 Max and which repeatedly pushed the nose of the plane down.

The system, called MCAS, overwhelmed the pilots' attempts to control the plane. When it triggered for the fourth and final time, the pilots fought back by pulling on their control columns with up to 180 pounds of force, but the nose of the plane sank even more and the jet flew even faster.

Shortly before impact, the plane was streaking downward at 575 mph – at a rate of more than 5,000 feet per minute – with its nose tilted down at a 40-degree angle, according to the interim report from Ethiopia's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau.

All 157 people on board were killed when flight 302 crashed into a field six minutes after takeoff from Addis Ababa. Every Max jet worldwide was grounded within days of the crash – the second involving a Boeing Max in less than five months.

The investigators issued several recommendations to Boeing and placed little blame on the airline or its pilots. In that regard, the Ethiopian update differed from a final report that Indonesian investigators issued after a 737 Max operated by Lion Air crashed in October 2018 and killed all 189 people on board.

Data in the Ethiopian update, however, could renew questions about the pilots' actions – in particular, their decision to turn MCAS back on after first disabling it when the plane's nose pitched down. One aeronautics expert said restoring power to MCAS doomed the flight.

Monday's interim report by Ethiopia's transport ministry was not remarkably different from a preliminary report the government issued last April. Boeing and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said they were reviewing the update, but both already seemed to be looking ahead to a final report that the Ethiopians are expected to issue later this year.

"We believe it's important to have the full final report to evaluate it against other independent reports so that we might fully understand all of the factors – both mechanical and human – that played a role in this tragic loss of life," the FAA said in a statement from spokesman Lynn Lunsford.

Boeing shares plummeted 13 percent in afternoon trading. The stock sell-off, however, may have been more closely related to the worsening coronavirus outbreak, which is undercutting demand for air travel, and a report that the Max could be grounded longer than Boeing expects while the company fixes a wiring problem with the planes.

Wiring bundles are too close together, raising the risk of short-circuiting and fire in extreme situations. Boeing has been analyzing the issue for several weeks. The Wall Street Journal reported that FAA managers and engineers have recommended requiring Boeing to move the wiring on nearly 800 Max jets, which could further delay Boeing's schedule for returning the planes to flight later this year.

The FAA said Monday it was continuing to discuss the matter with Boeing, and that the plane will only be cleared to fly when the agency is satisfied that all safety-related issues have been fixed.

Monday's interim report by the Ethiopian investigators added to pressure on Boeing. It came three days after a congressional report said Boeing's development of the Max was marred by design failures and a "culture of concealment" to hide information from regulators and airlines. Democrats on the House Transportation Committee also slammed the FAA for poor oversight of Boeing. Committee leaders are vowing to propose changes in how FAA oversees aircraft manufacturers.

The Ethiopian board made six recommendations, all aimed at Boeing or the FAA, which certified the plane in 2017. Boeing is addressing some of the recommendations by changing MCAS to make it less powerful. Boeing is also endorsing the use of flight simulators to train pilots on how MCAS makes flying the Max different from previous models of the 737.

There were no recommendations for Ethiopian Airlines, which has defended the actions of its pilots. The update, however, pointed out again that pilots on flight 302 restored power to the MCAS flight-control system after initially turning it off. When they did that, the pilots couldn't counter the downward pitch caused by the position of the stabilizer, a horizontal fin on the tail that pushes the nose up or down, because they were flying so fast, said John Hansman, an aeronautics professor at MIT.

It's unclear why, but the pilots had left the throttles fully open after takeoff. Hansman believes the pilots might have been too busy and distracted to notice.

"They were saturated. They were dealing with so much stuff – all those warnings," he said. "It is hard to diagnose exactly what is happening and what the causality is while you are trying to keep the airplane under control."

In a statement, Boeing said it continued to provide technical help to the investigators as they finish their work.

"We look forward to reviewing the full details and formal recommendations that will be included in the final report from the Ethiopian Accident Investigation Bureau," said the statement by spokesman Gordon Johndroe.

Harry, Meghan do their last royal job

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, made their final appearance as senior royals at Westminster Abbey, joining Queen Elizabeth II and other members of Britain's royal family Monday for an annual Commonwealth Day service.

The televised event was expected to be the last time the couple works alongside the entire Windsor clan before Harry and Meghan fly off into self-imposed exile in North America. The pomp-filled observance featured no hand-shaking, apparently because of the new coronavirus.

The service ended the two-month drama that began when the couple announced plans to walk away from their roles as senior members of the royal family and into a world where they will have to earn a living. It's uncharted territory for the House of Windsor, which only has the messy abdication of Edward VIII in 1936 as a guide to the potential pitfalls.

Kirsty Wigglesworth / AP

Britain's Harry and Meghan the Duke and Duchess of Sussex arrive to attend the annual Commonwealth Day service at Westminster Abbey in London on Monday. The annual service, organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society, is the largest annual inter-faith gathering in the United Kingdom.

"(The Windsors) have lost a major attraction for the future," said Pauline Maclaran, co-author of "Royal Fever: The British Monarchy in Consumer Culture."

The Commonwealth service is a major event on the royal calendar, largely because the 93-year-old monarch has embraced the organization for much of her life. She became head of the network of 54 countries in 1952 when she was 26.

Elizabeth has long considered supporting good relations among Commonwealth members to be her own particular political project, said Philip Murphy, the director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the School of Advanced Study at the University of London.

"It's not just what a lot of people would call Imperial nostalgia – a yearning for the good old days of the Raj," Murphy said. "The queen has always embraced an evolving Commonwealth and supported the notion of Britain as a multiracial country because it is part of a multiracial Commonwealth."

The service departed slightly from plan.

Harry and Meghan were ushered to their seats before the monarch's arrival instead of awaiting the queen and walking through the church with her as they did last year. In a change from the order of service, Prince William and his wife, Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, also didn't take part in the traditional procession of the queen, making the outgoing royals' absence less glaring.

The queen gave Harry and Meghan the titles Duke of Sussex and Duchess of Sussex on their wedding day. Starting at the end of this month, the Sussexes will no longer use their royal titles as they pursue a new life of financial freedom in North America.

Sudan PM says he survived 'terror attack' in capital

By SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO — Sudan's prime minister said Monday he survived a "terror attack" after an explosion and gunfire targeted his motorcade in the capital Khartoum.

Abdalla Hamdok, a long-time economist, tweeted he was "safe and in good shape" following the explosion. Sudanese state TV said Hamdok had been heading to his office when the attack took place.

Hamdok also tweeted a photo of himself smiling and seated at a large desk, while a TV behind him showed news coverage reporting he'd survived.

The attack highlighted the fragility of Sudan's transition to civilian rule, almost a year after pro-democracy protesters forced the military to remove autocratic President Omar al-Bashir from power and replace him with a joint military-civilian government, which has promised to hold elections in three years.

However, Sudan's generals remain the de facto rulers of the country and have shown little willingness to hand over power to civilians.

Hamdok, in his brief statement on Twitter, said, "Rest assured that what happened today will not stand in the way of our transition, instead it is an additional push to the wheel of change in Sudan."

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The country's top prosecutor, Taj al-Ser Ali al-Hebr, said in a statement that prosecutors have embarked on their investigation into the "professionally plotted" attack.

A statement from the prime minister's office said the attackers used explosives and firearms, and that a security officer was lightly wounded. The statement was read by Faisal Saleh, Sudan's information minister and interim government spokesman. He said the convoy was hit near the Kober Bridge.

Footage posted online showed two white, Japanese-made SUVs typically used by Sudan's top officials parked on a street, damaged with its widows broken. Another vehicle was badly damaged in the blast. Several dozen people were seen at the site of the attack, chanting: "With our blood and soul, we redeem you, Hamdok."

The protest movement that led the uprising against al-Bashir called the blast a "terrorist attack." The statement by the Forces for the Declaration of Freedom and Change called on people to take to the streets to "show our unity and cohesion ... and protect the transitional authority."

Youth activists face arrest and intimidation and are still reeling from a ferocious crackdown by security forces last summer that broke up their sit-in outside the military's headquarters and killed dozens.

After months of negotiations, the military and the pro-democracy movement reached a power-sharing deal in August, at which point Hamdok took office. The deal established a joint military-civilian, 11-member sovereign council to govern Sudan for the next three years.

Prominent activist Khalid Omar, secretary general of the Sudanese Congress Party, said the attempt on Hamdok's life was a "new chapter in the conspiracy against the Sudanese revolution."

U.N. spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said U.N chief Antonio Guterres was "shocked and saddened" to learn of the attack and expressed "full solidarity" with the prime minister and people of Sudan.

The U.S. Embassy in Sudan tweeted: "We continue to support Sudan's civilian led transitional government and stand in solidarity with the Sudanese people."

Irfan Siddiq, the British ambassador in Khartoum, said the blast "is a deeply worrying event must be investigated fully." He tweeted that the Sudanese prime minister's office had confirmed Hamdok and his team "are all fine, with no injuries."

Hamdok met Monday with Egypt's intelligence chief, Abbas Kamel, who was visiting Sudan. Kamel also met with Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, head of the joint military-civilian sovereign council. He said Egypt "stands by the transitional government and the Sudanese people against the attempted attack," according to a statement from the sovereign council.

Monday's blast came less than two months after an armed revolt from within Sudan's security forces shut down the capital's airport and left at least two people dead. The tense stand-off between the armed forces and rogue intelligence officers paralyzed street life in several parts of Khartoum, along with another western city.

In 1989, al-Bashir came to power in an Islamist-backed military coup and imposed a strict interpretation of religion on its citizens, limiting personal freedoms. The country was an international pariah for its support of extreme Islamists.

Sudan's transitional authorities announced in February that they agreed to hand over al-Bashir to the International Criminal Court along with other former officials wanted by the ICC.

Hamdok has confirmed the government will cooperate with the court's efforts to prosecute those wanted for war crimes and genocide in connection with the Darfur conflict in the 2000s.

Sudan's transitional government has also been under pressure to end wars with rebel groups as it seeks to rehabilitate the country's battered economy, attract much-needed foreign aid and deliver the democracy it promises.

Nearly a year after al-Bashir's ouster, the country faces a dire economic crisis. Inflation stands at a staggering 60 percent and the unemployment rate was 22.1 percent in 2019, according to the International Monetary Fund. The government has said that 30 percent of Sudan's young people, who make up more than half of the over 42 million population, are without jobs.

Marwan Ali / AP

Sudanese policemen stand around vehicles that were part of Prime Mister Abdalla Hamdok's motorcade in Khartoum, Sudan, on Monday. Hamdok survived an assassination attempt Monday after an explosion went off near his convoy in the capital of Khartoum, Sudan's state media said.

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LEGALS

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Benton Harbor Mi, Abandoned Vehicle Auction at 1203 Pipestone Rd, Suite B on 03/19/2020 at 9:30 am: 1992 Ford F150 2FTDF15Y6NCA11265; 1993 Ford Ranger 1FTCR10AXPUA78838; 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 1J4GR48K66C115351; 2009 Cadillac Escalade 1GYFC23269R104389

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL NOTICE

Lawrence, MI

Megan Dooley Concert- Best of the West Solo Performer in Lawrence!

A FREE concert featuring professional entertainer and whistler, Megan Dooley will be held on Fri, Mar 13, 2020, at 6:30PM at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI. Megan is a guitar playing, ukulele strumming, whistling Michigan songstress who will bring a mix of Torch, Swing, Soul, R&B, Jazz and Roots to the stage. Megan was voted the #1 Best of the West Solo Performer by Revue Magazine and this is your chance to see her in person! The event is family friendly, free and open to the public. This event is

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

A financial adjustment is in order. Take the helm and get things done. Details matter, and your ability to fine-tune whatever you touch will bring the results you want. Don't sit back when there is so much to do. Don't give anyone the chance to outmaneuver or outperform you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep up the pace, regardless of what others do. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your progress. Look at partnerships carefully and determine their worth before committing any further.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Emotions will take charge if you aren't careful. Think before you speak, and ensure that your points are valid. Put your time and energy into making things happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Jump at a career opportunity. Believe in what you have to offer. Contact someone from your past who has been on your mind. A partnership is not far off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Walk away from what's over and done. A new beginning should occupy your time. You'll get an extraordinary chance to turn something you enjoy doing into a new venture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Think carefully before you reveal something. Consider what you can do, not what you can't, and put your work first so that you can enjoy your accomplishments without feeling stressed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Friends and relatives will stand by you through thick and thin. Taking drastic measures will be necessary to resolve a situation. Live life your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can make a difference if you follow through with your plans and do what's best for everyone. Don't let someone slow you down or convince you that you can't do something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try something new. The more experience you get in an area that will help you get ahead, the better. Research something that will benefit you financially, emotionally or physically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let uncertainty stand in your way. You have plenty of ideas and raw talent. Choose a path and work your way to the finish line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Tread carefully both at home and at work. Keep your thoughts to yourself and do whatever it takes to avoid an argument. Take heed of advice offered to you and keep a low profile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't settle for less when you can have so much more. Reach for the stars and don't stop until you are satisfied. A personal change looks promising.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you show a little passion, you'll drum up interest in what you are trying to accomplish. Listen to suggestions, but follow your intuition when it comes time to make a decision.

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Duties will include, but are not limited to advertising placement in multiple publications, assisting with the coordination of layouts, classified pagination and page production throughout the company.

Must have good computer skills and work at a quick pace. Experience with word processing, spreadsheets and InDesign necessary.

Minimum requirement is a high school diploma but some college is preferred.

This is a full-time position. Shift is roughly 11am-7pm, Monday - Friday, subject to change.

E-mail your resumé to
dwiseman@myadproofs.com
or stop in to fill out an application at:

The Herald-Palladium, 3450 Hollywood Rd,
St. Joseph, MI 49085

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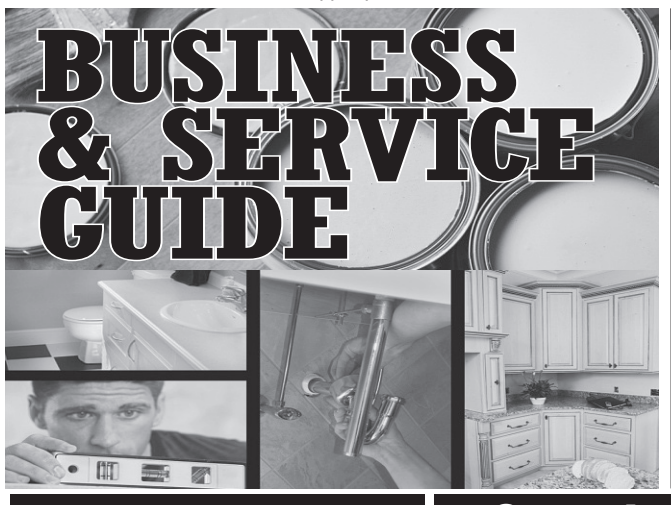

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Classified Department
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St. Joseph, MI
49085-0128

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If you wish to reply to a box number and NOT have your letter sent to certain firms, then begin your e-mail with any company(s) where you do not wish to apply. Then include the Herald-Palladium box address as shown above.

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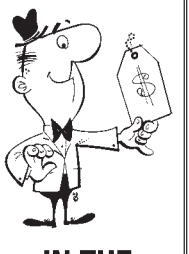

IN THE CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

SPECIAL NOTICE

sponsored by the Friends of the Lawrence Branch Library with a grant from VBDL Friends. Light refreshments will be hosted by the Friends.Doors open at 6:00pm.

EMPLOYMENT

MEDICAL/DENTAL

South Haven, MI
South Haven Nursing and Rehab is now hiring Nurses to join their team. Offering a $5,000 sign on bonus. Please send your resume to Bob Schmidt at 15-admin@atriumlivingcenters.com
We offer an excellent benefit package and a team environment. We look forward to hearing from you! Apply today while positions last!

GENERAL HELP

Michigan City, IN.
RPS Imaging, a radiology supply & service company located out of Michigan City, currently has an open position for a part-time (16 hours per week) delivery driver who may also be asked to assist with basic maintenance in our warehouse.
Requirements:
• For-hire endorsement or CDL
• Clean driving record
• Pass DOT physical & drug screen
• Lift/carry/ maneuver heavy material & equipment

New Buffalo, MI
Oselka Marina in New Buffalo, MI is looking for a full time worker. Job would entail helping with launching boats in the Spring, hauling boats out in the Fall. Summer would be a variety of jobs, including but not limited to, our Valet Program, Rental Program, Gas dock and other light maintenance duties.
Any experience with driving boats and operating fork trucks would be a bonus. You would need to be available to work weekends and holidays during the Summer. We offer benefits to full time employees. If you are serious in joining our team please send your resume to Mark@oselkamarina.com or call Carla at 269-469-2601.

Stevensville, MI

POOL GUYS

$20/Hour - Crew Leaders
$14/Hour - Helpers
Driver's License Required
Sensationalhottubs@att.net

PEOPLE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

New Buffalo, MI
Oselka Marina in New Buffalo, MI is looking for a mechanic.
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First shots & wormed
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CATS/DOGS/PETS

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St. Joseph, MI
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Power windows,
$8,700 now
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The Kinexus Group is releasing a solicitation for a Berrien County Leased Facility.

More information on this request including the RFP itself will be located at https://www.miworks.org/public-information on March 9, 2020 or by calling Stacy Neidlinger at 269-927-1064, ext. 1113.

Kinexus is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires ADA compliancy from all contractors. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center: 711 Voice and TDD. Kinexus is a partner of American Job Centers.

REDWOOD ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM CARPET REPLACEMENT
HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Hartford Public School District will receive sealed Bids for the Redwood Elementary Classroom Carpet Replacement Project as a standalone project in which the bidder will be District's sole-contractor. Prices must include the installation of new carpet of the size and type specified by this request. This standalone project will include removal and disposal of existing carpet and cove base in addition to the installation of new carpet and cove base. This would include all necessary labor, tools, adhesives, glue and edging needed to install a complete carpet installation. Sealed bids must be submitted by 3:30 PM on March 20, 2020. The School District will not accept or consider late bids.

Bids shall be mailed, or delivered in person, before the 3:30 PM deadline, to Superintendents Office, 115 School Street, Hartford, MI 49057. Bids can also be delivered in person to the location of the Bid opening, at Administration Board Room, 115 School Street, Hartford, MI 49057. They will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately after the bid time.

The District intends to award Contracts on or about March 24, 2020.

Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of Base Bid shall accompany each Proposal.

All Proposals shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship (or lack of a relationship) that exists between the Owner or any employee of the Bidder and any member of the Board of Education of Hartford Public Schools or the Superintendent of the School District. The District shall not award to a Bidder that does not furnish a sworn and notarized Disclosure Statement.

All Proposals shall be accompanied by an Iran Economic Sanctions Act Certification. The District shall not award to a Bidder that does not furnish this Certification.

All Bids submitted shall remain valid for a period of forty-five (45) days after the Bid Date.

The Board of Education reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any or all Bids, or accept any Bid which, in its opinion, will best serve its interests.

Questions may be directed to Andrew Hubbard, Superintendent, by calling 269-621-7001.